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Easterling Family History

HUSBAND'S NAME

EASTERLING, HENRY

(REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOT)

When Born

24 MAY 1733

Where

N.MOUTH OF NEUSE RIV., CRAVEN CO., N.C.

Christened

1860 (BAPTIST)

Where

DOBBS CO., N.C. BY REV. GEORGE GRAHAM

When Died

26 MAR 1800

Where

MARLBORO CO., S.C. /ORDAU BETSY ODOM RES

When Buried

MAR 1800

Where

OLD STAGE RD, CHERW, SC-FYTVLLE, NC-NEAR/

When Married

PRBLY CA 1753

Where

PRBLY IN OR NEAR DOBBS CO., N.C.

Other Wives
(if any)

His Father

His Mother's Maiden Name

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

BENNETT, ELIZABETH

When Born

Where

Christened

Where

When Died

Where

When Buried

Where

Other Husb.
(if any)

Her Father

Her Mother's Maiden Name

Information on this sheet obtained from

HIST.OF N.C.BAPTISTS 1663-1805

S.C. BAPTISTS 1670-1805

HIST. OF MRLBRO CO., S.C.

REWRITTEN MINUTES OF BEAVER DAM

BAPTIST CHURCH, MRLBRO, S.C.

FAM. REC. OF WILLIAM EASTERLING

LETTER (1835): WILLIAM EASTERLING

COURT HOUSE REC (DEED, PROBATE, ETC)

MRLBRO, MRION, BRNWLL COS, S.C.

IRWIN, THOMAS, WALTON COS., GA.

RANKIN, HINDS COS., MISS.

CENSUS: CHERAWS, S.C. -1790

CENSUS: BRNWL, S.C. -1800, 10, 20, 30, 40

CENSUS: MARION, S.C. -1800

CENSUS: MRLBRO, S.C. -1800, 10, 20, 30, 40

EASTERLING, HENRY

(Husband's Full Name)

BENNETT, ELIZABETH

(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date

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CENSUS: HINDS, MISS-1830

CENSUS: MARION, MISS-1820

CENSUS: PERRY, MISS-1820, 30

CENSUS: RANKIN, MISS-1830, 40

Male or Female

CHILDREN

(Arrange in order of birth)

When Born

Day

Month

Year

Where Born

Town or Place

County

State or Country

Married to

When Married

Day

Month

Year

When Died

Day

Month

Year

Where Buried

Town or Place

County

State or Country

F

1

EASTERLING, ELIZABETH

PRBLY CA

1755

PRBLY: DOBBS

N.C.

M

2

EASTERLING, WILLIAM

10 MAR

1757

DOBBS

N.C.

COVINGTON, ELIZABETH/

24 APR

1783

1839-1840

FAMILY CEMETERY

MARLBORO

S.C.

M

3

EASTERLING, JAMES

1760

PRBLY: DOBBS

N.C.

BETTY

PRBLY CA

1780

CA OCT

1843

"LATE OF":

TWIGGS

GA.

F

4

EASTERLING, MARY

PRBLY CA

1762

PRBLY: DOBBS

N.C.

X

5

EASTERLING, SHADRACH

PRBLY CA

1764

PRBLY: ANSON

N.C.

1) STUBBS, REBECCA

PRBLY CA

1785

CA APR

1834

F

6

EASTERLING, MARTHA

PRBLY CA

1765

PRBLY: ANSON

N.C.

M

7

EASTERLING, BENNETT

PRBLY CA

1770

PRBLY: ANSON

N.C.

1) COVINGTON, NANCY

25 DEC

1792

M

8

EASTERLING, JOHN

PRBLY CA

1772

PRBLY: ANSON

N.C.

COVINGTON, NANCY ANN

PRBLY CA

1803

PRBLY CA

1826

M

9

EASTERLING, JOEL

PRBLY CA

1774

PRBLY: ANSON

N.C.

DEER/DEAR, CHARLOTTE

PRBLY CA

1800

Nov

1836

PRBLY NEAR:

UTICA

HINDS

MISS.

M

10

EASTERLING, HENRY

PRBLY CA

1776

PRBLY: ANSON

N.C.

LA(1)RD, MARGARET

PRBLY CA

1806

1840-1841

PRBLY:

PERRY

MISS.

M

11

EASTERLING, SAMUEL

PRBLY CA

1778

PRBLY: ANSON

N.C.

M

12

EASTERLING, JESSE

PRBLY CA

1780

PRBLY: ANSON

N.C.

13

14

No. 5 SHADRACH

No. 7 BENNETT

M. (2) BENNETT, NANCY

M. (2)

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HUSBAND'S NAMEEASTERLING, HENRY

When BornPRBLY CA 1776WherePRBLY ANSON CO., N.C.

ChristenedWhere

When DiedLATE 1840 OR EARLY 1841WherePERRY CO., MISS.

When BuriedWhere

When MarriedPRBLY CA 1806WherePRBLY BARNWELL DIST., S.C.

Other Wives
(if any)

His FatherEASTERLING, HENRYHis Mother's Maiden NameBENNETT, ELIZABETH

Information on this sheet obtained from

CENSUS: PERRY, MISS-1820, 30, 40, 50, 1860

PROBATE: ADAM LARD & ELIZABETH LARD, BARNWELL DIST., S.C.

FAM RECORDS: DESCENDANTS OF GILES BENNETT EASTERLING

EASTERLING, HENRY

(Husband's Full Name)

LARD/LAIRD, MARGARET

(Wife's Maiden Name)

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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAMELA(I)RD, MARGARET

When Born60-1850WhereS.C.

ChristenedWhere

When Died1860-1870WherePRBLY PERRY CO., MISS.

When BuriedWhere

Other Husb.
(if any)

Her FatherLARD, ADAMHer Mother's Maiden Name, LUCRETIA

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Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	When Born			Where Born		State or Country	Married to	When Married			When Died*			Where Buried		State or Country
		Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County			Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County	
M	1	EASTERLING, JOHN			PRBLY CA	1808		, ELIZABETH	PRBLY CA	1832							
M	2	EASTERLING, JAMES			PRBLY CA	1810	S.C.	APRNTLY UNMD				AFTER:	1870				
F	3	EASTERLING,			PRBLY CA	1813											
F	4	EASTERLING,			PRBLY CA	1815											
F	5	EASTERLING,			PRBLY CA	1818											
F	6	EASTERLING,			PRBLY CA	1820											
F	7	EASTERLING, SUSAN			27-1850 CA	1823	MISS.	STRINGFELLOW, GEORGE	PRBLY CA	1846							
M	8	EASTERLING, BENJAMIN			25-1850 CA	1825	MISS.	, PAULINE	PRBLY CA	1850	PRBLY CA	1858					
M	9	EASTERLING, GILES/ /BENNETT			20 JULY	1828	PERRY	MISS. CARTER, SABRA ANN			1856	2 DEC	1904				
	10																
	11																
	12																
	13																
	14																

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CA 1808

HUSBAND'S NAME EASTERLING, JOHN

When Born 30/40-1840 CA 1808

Christened _____

When Died _____ 1845

When Buried _____

When Married _____

Other Wives (if any)
Number (1) (2) etc. _____

His Father EASTERLING, HENRY

Where _____

Where _____

Where RRBLY

PERRY Co., Miss.

Where _____

Where _____

His Mother's Maiden Name LARD/LAIRD, MARGARET

EASTERLING, JOHN

(Husband's Full Name)

, ELIZABETH

(Wife's Maiden Name)

This information obtained from
CENSUS: PERRY, Miss-1840, 50, 60, 70

EQUITY CT. REC.-BARNWELL, S.C.

MRS. ARCHIE PICKERING OF

COLLINS, MISS.

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME , ELIZABETH

When Born 40-1850 51-1860

Christened _____

When Died _____

When Buried _____

Other Husb. (if any)
Number (1) (2) etc. _____

Her Father _____

Where _____

Where _____

Where _____

Where _____

Her Mother's Maiden Name _____

N.C. (CENSUS)

Date MAY 1971

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State _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Month Year	WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED* Day Month Year	Married
M	1 EASTERLING, HENRY W.	17-1850 CA 1833			MISS.		Date To <u>McDONALD, MARY</u>
F	2 EASTERLING, MARGARET	15-1850 CA 1835			MISS.		Date To _____
M	3 EASTERLING, JOHN	13-1850 CA 1837			MISS.		Date To <u>LEE, SAMANTHA (SEE NOTE)</u>
F	4 EASTERLING, MARTHA	12-1850 CA 1838			MISS.		Date To <u>HENSARLING, LOUIS</u>
M	5 EASTERLING, BENJAMIN ASA (BEN)	10-1850 17-1860 CA 1840			MISS.		Date To _____
F	6 EASTERLING, ANNA	9-1850 16-1860 CA 1841			MISS.		Date To _____
M	7 EASTERLING, ANDREW JAMES (ANDY)	7-1850 CA 1843			MISS.		Date <u>/SISTER TO MIRAM</u> To <u>ANDERSON,</u>
8	NOTE: SAMANTHA LEE IS REPORTED TO HAVE MARRIED "JACK" EASTERLING, THE TWO THEN JOHN APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY SUITABLE CANDIDATE. (OCT. 1976 R.W.)						Date To _____
9	NOTE: THAT MARTHA MARRIED LOUIS HENSARLING IS TENTATIVE, BUT PROBABLE. LOUIS HENSARLING DID, IN FACT, MARRY ONE "MARTHA EASTERLING" BUT THERE IS ONLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AT THIS TIME TO SHOW THAT IT WAS THIS PARTICULAR MARTHA.						Date To _____
10	THAT HENRY WAS THE "HENRY W." WHO MARRIED MARY McDONALD IS BASED UPON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, BUT WOULD SEEM TO BE CORRECT.						Date To _____
11	MRS. D.L.O. MANNING TOLD MRS. PICKERING THAT HER GRANDFATHER, HENRY W., HAD TWO BROTHERS -- BEN AND ANDY.						Date To _____
12							Date To _____
13							Date To _____
14							Date To _____

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HUSBAND'S NAME EASTERLING, HENRY W.

When Born 27-1860 37-1870 CA 1833 Where MISS. (CENSUS)
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died _____ Where _____
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 When Married _____ Where _____
 Other Wives (if any) _____
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 His Father EASTERLING, JOHN His Mother's Maiden Name ELIZABETH

EASTERLING, HENRY W.
(Husband's Full Name)

MCDONALD, MARY
(Wife's Maiden Name)

This information obtained from
CENSUS: JONES, MISS-1860, 70, 80

CEMTRY INSCR - SALEM CHURCH

**FAM. REC. OF MRS. ARCHIE PICKERING
OF COLLINS, MISS.**

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME MCDONALD, MARY

When Born 1827 Where MISS. (CENSUS)
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died _____ Where _____
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 Other Husb. (if any) _____
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 Her Father MCDONALD, WILLIAM Her Mother's Maiden Name MCLEOD, MARGARET

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Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN Day Month Year	WHERE BORN Town or Place County	State or Country	WHEN DIED* Day Month Year	Married
M	1 EASTERLING, JOHN CALVIN	3-1860 12-1870 1857		MISS.	1931	Date To DEES, SUSAN
M	2 EASTERLING, WILLIAM ARCHIBALD	1-1860 21-1880 CA 1859		MISS.	1943	Date To STRAHAN, HENRIETTA
M	3 EASTERLING, ALBERT V.	16 Nov 1861		MISS.	1 JAN 1932	Date To RILEY, MATTIE
M	4 EASTERLING, GEORGE	PRBLY CA 1863		MISS.	(1 WEEK)	Date To _____
M	5 EASTERLING, AULSBURY	PRBLY CA 1865		MISS.	(CHILD)	Date To _____
F	6 EASTERLING, MARY A. ROSA	27 FEB 1867		MISS.	13 DEC 1910	Date To MCDONALD, PRENTISS
	7 NOTE: MRS. ARCHIE PICKERING IS A MCDONALD DESCENDANT AND IT IS FROM HER THAT WE					Date To _____
	8 HAVE IT THAT HENRY W. EASTERLING MARRIED MARY MCDONALD. MRS. PICKERING					Date To _____
	9 HAS KNOWN DESCENDANTS OF THIS FAMILY PERSONALLY -- NOTABLY MRS. D.L.O. MANNING,					Date To _____
	10 DAUGHTER OF JOHN CALVIN EASTERLING.					Date To _____
	11 THAT HENRY W. IS A SON OF JOHN AND ELIZABETH IS BASED ON THREE ITEMS OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE:					Date To _____
	12 (1) JOHN & ELIZABETH HAD A SON "HENRY" OF THE IDENTICAL CENSUS AGE. (2) THE LOCATION IS RIGHT -- JOHN AND					Date To _____
	13 ELIZABETH LIVED IN PERRY COUNTY, MISS, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO JONES COUNTY. (3) IN 1880 ONE ADELINE EASTERLING					Date To _____
	14 IS LIVING WITH THE FAMILY OF HENRY W. AND INDICATED AS "COUSIN". SHE IS DOUBTLESS DAUGHTER OF BENJAMIN					Date To _____
	15 EASTERLING AND WIFE PAULINE OF PERRY COUNTY. BENJAMIN APPEARS TO BE A BROTHER OF JOHN -- THUS HENRY W. AND					Date To _____
	16 ADELINE WOULD HAVE BEEN FIRST-COUSINS. FURTHERMORE, MRS. D.L.O. MANNING TOLD MRS. PICKERING THAT HER GRAND-					Date To _____
	17 FATHER, HENRY W. EASTERLING, HAD TWO BROTHERS -- "BEN" AND "ANDY" WHO FIT INTO THE FAMILY OF JOHN & ELIZABETH.					Date To _____
	18					Date To _____
	19					Date To _____
	20					Date To _____

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HUSBAND'S NAME EASTERLING, JOHN CALVIN

When Born 1857

Where _____

Christened _____

Where _____

When Died 1931

Where _____

When Buried _____

Where SALEM CHURCH N. COLLINS, COVINGTON, MISS.

When Married _____

Where _____

Other Wives (if any)
Number (1) (2) etc. _____

His Father EASTERLING, HENRY W.

His Mother's Maiden Name MCDONALD, MARY

EASTERLING, JOHN CALVIN
(Husband's Full Name)

DEES, SUSAN

(Wife's Maiden Name)

This information obtained from
CERTY INSCR - SALEM CHURCH

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FAM. REC. OF MRS. ARCHIE PICKERING
OF COLLINS, MISS.

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME DEES, SUSAN

When Born 1858

Where _____

Christened _____

Where _____

When Died 1943

Where _____

When Buried _____

Where SALEM CHURCH N. COLLINS, COVINGTON, MISS.

Other Husb. (if any)
Number (1) (2) etc. _____

Her Father _____

Her Mother's Maiden Name _____

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M	1 EASTERLING, CONN	16 Nov 1881	COVINGTON Co. Miss.		Date To COVINGTON, MATTIE
F	2 EASTERLING, D.L.O.	14 JAN 1883	" "	1970	Date To MANNING, JULIUS
F	3 EASTERLING, ZORA	10 JULY 1884	" "	21 MAY 1921	Date 23 Aug 1903 To MAGEE, DERRY DAVID
M	4 EASTERLING, GEORGE	1886	" "		Date To UNMD
F	5 EASTERLING, JANIE E.	19 Aug 1888	" "	4 APR 1934	Date To EASTERLING, BEN
F	6 EASTERLING, IRENE		" "		Date To WEIXEL, LAUREN
F	7 EASTERLING, BESSIE		" "		Date To SMITH, JOHN
M	8 EASTERLING, JOHN H.		" "		Date To FOURTH, EMMA
F	9 EASTERLING, ZUDA	27 APR 1899	" "	8 FEB 1925	Date To STRINGER, CLEMON
F	10 EASTERLING, GRACE (TWIN)	1900	" "	(8 DAYS)	Date To
F	11 EASTERLING, (TWIN)	1900	" "	(STILLBORN)	Date To
	12				Date To
	NOTE: MRS. ARCHIE PICKERING IS A MCDONALD DESCENDANT AND COLLECTED HER INFORMATION ON THE EASTERLINGS IN CONNECTION WITH MCDONALD. MRS. PICKERING KNEW MRS. D.L.O. MANNING PERSONALLY. IT IS FROM MRS. PICKERING THAT JOHN CALVIN EASTERLING IS A SON OF HENRY W. ANOTHER SOURCE GIVES ZORA'S BIRTHDATE AS 19 JULY 1884 (MRS. PICKERING HAS 10 JULY).				Date To
	13				Date To
	14				Date To

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THAT HENRY EASTERLING IS A SON OF THE REV. HENRY EASTERLING AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH BENNETT OF MARLBORO CO., S.C., IS BASED UPON A WEB OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE -- INCLUDING THE FACTS THAT: --THE FOUR YOUNGER SONS OF THE REV. HENRY -- BENNETT, JOHN, JOEL & HENRY -- VANISH FROM MARLBORO AND THEN FOUR MEN OF THE SAME NAMES MATERIALIZE IN THE AREA OF CHARLESTON AND BARNWELL DISTRICT S.C., WHERE THEY ARE IN EVIDENCE UNTIL ABOUT 1820.

--ABOUT 1820, BENNETT, JOEL & HENRY VANISH FROM BARNWELL DIST., S.C. AND THEN THREE MEN OF THE SAME NAMES APPEAR IN MISSISSIPPI -- HENRY IN PERRY CO., AND BENNETT & JOEL NEARBY.

--WHEN JOHN (SON OF HENRY AND MARGARET LARD EASTERLING) DIED HIS WIDOW ELIZABETH APPOINTED WILLIAM BENNETT EASTERLING (SON OF SHADRACH AND GRANDSON OF THE REV. HENRY) AS HER ATTORNEY TO GO BACK TO S.C. AND SUE FOR A SLAVE LEFT TO THE DEC'D JOHN BY HIS AUNT ELIZABETH LARD. SHE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HAVE SELECTED A GRANDSON OF THE REV. HENRY EASTERLING FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT TASK UNLESS HE WAS CLOSELY RELATED (HE WOULD HAVE BEEN HER HUSBAND'S FIRST-COUSIN IF THIS COMPILER IS CORRECT).

--THE NAME "BENNETT" APPEARS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE REV. HENRY'S BRANCH OF THE EASTERLING FAMILY SO FAR AS THIS COMPILER CAN DETERMINE.

THAT HENRY (JR.) DIED EITHER IN LATE 1840 OR EARLY 1841 IS DERIVED FROM THE FACT THAT HE APPEARS IN THE 1840 CENSUS AND IN THE 1840 ANNUAL TAX ROLL WITH 320 ACRES OF LAND; THEN IN 1841 HE DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE ANNUAL TAX ROLL ALTHOUGH JAMES DOES -- WITH 320 ACRES.

THAT JAMES IS A SON IS ASSUMED FROM THE FACT THAT HE IS LIVING WITH MARGARET LARD EASTERLING IN 1850 AND 1860. IN 1870 MARGARET DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE CENSUS BUT JAMES IS LIVING WITH GILES BENNETT EASTERLING.

THAT SUSAN STRINGFELLOW IS A DAUGHTER IS ASSUMED FROM THE FACT THAT SHE IS LIVING WITH MARGARET LARD EASTERLING IN 1850.

THAT BENJAMIN IS A SON IS ASSUMED FROM THE FACT THAT HE IS LIVING WITHIN ONE DWELLING PLACE OF MARGARET LARD EASTERLING IN 1850; BY THE FACT THAT JOHN EASTERLING OF BARNWELL DIST., S.C. (SURELY A BROTHER OF HENRY (JR.)) HAS A SON NAMED "BENJAMIN A."; BY THE FACT THAT HENRY (JR.)'S SON JOHN, OF PERRY CO., MISS., NAMED A SON "ASA" (CONFEDERATE WAR RECORDS REVEAL THAT "BENJAMIN ASA EASTERLING" WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN FORCES.

THAT JOHN IS A SON OF HENRY AND MARGARET IS SHOWN BY AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN TO BY MARGARET, ON FILE IN BARNWELL DIST., S.C.

THAT GILES BENNETT IS A SON OF HENRY AND MARGARET IS SHOWN BY FAMILY RECORDS OF DESCENDANTS OF GILES BENNETT EASTERLING.

NOTE: THERE EXISTED IN AND AROUND ORANGEBURG, DORCHESTER, COLLETON AND BARNWELL DISTRICTS, S.C.

A SECOND LARGE GROUP OF EASTERLING FAMILIES -- THOUGHT BY THIS COMPILER TO BE MOSTLY OF ONE JOHN EASTERLING, WHO WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY A CONTEMPORARY OF THE REV. HENRY EASTERLING OF MARLBORO DIST. HENRY EASTERLING (JR.) OF THIS GROUP-SHEET HAS POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS WITH THAT GROUP AND THE READER WILL WANT TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY BE OF THAT GROUP INSTEAD OF THE MARLBORO EASTERLINGS. ONE HENRY EASTERLING IS REPORTED TO HAVE MARRIED ONE ELEANOR LEWIS, A QUAKER GIRL, WHO DIED AT THE BIRTH OF THEIR FIFTH CHILD, ALSO NAMED ELEANOR. THE BABE WAS TAKEN TO RAISE BY HER UNCLE JOHN AND AUNT MARY LEWIS RHODE WHO SUBSEQUENTLY MOVED TO OHIO TO JOIN A QUAKER SETTLEMENT THERE. AMONG THE GROUP THAT WENT TO OHIO WAS AN EASTERLING FAMILY KNOWN TO BE OF THE EASTERLING GROUP OTHER THAN THE REV. HENRY'S. HENRY (JR.) IS SAID TO HAVE REMARRIED AND MOVED TO PERRY CO., MISS., TAKING A SON REUBEN WITH HIM. THE DAUGHTER, ELEANOR, RAISED BY THE RHODES FAMILY MARRIED STEPHEN MELTON IN OHIO AND RAISED A LARGE FAMILY -- LEAVING A BIBLE WITH THE ADDRESS OF HER FATHER: HENRY EASTERLING, NEW AUGUSTA P.O., PERRY CO., MISS.

FROM THE ESTIMATED AGE OF HENRY (JR.) OF THIS GROUP-SHEET THE READER CAN SEE THAT IT IS INDEED POSSIBLE THAT A PRIOR WIFE AND FAMILY COULD EXIST.

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THE VARIOUS PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS OF THE MOVEMENTS OF THE REV. HENRY EASTERLING (BAPTIST PREACHER) AND HIS FAMILY CONFLICT SOMEWHAT WITH EACH OTHER BUT THE VERSION IN HIST. OF N.C. BAPTISTS APPEARS TO BE REASONABLE.

PAGE 225: "HITCHCOCK 1772...IN THE COUNTY OF ANSON...NO MEETING HOUSE...CONST. 28 MAR 1772, AT HOUSE OF WILLIAM MORRIS...MINISTER REV. HENRY EASTERLING. BORN 24 MAY 1733 AT THE MOUTH OF THE NUSE RIVER. BRED A CHURCHMAN. EMBRACED THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTISTS IN 1760 IN DOBBS CO. (NOW LENOIR CO.)...CALLED TO THE MINISTRY IN 1762...ORDAINED 29 MAR 1772.....CAME HERE IN 1764 AND PREACHED IN 1770."

FROM THE ABOVE IT APPEARS HE WAS IN DOBBS CO. 1760 AND DID NOT GO TO ANSON CO. UNTIL 1764. IN DUPLIN CO. (BETWEEN DOBBS AND ANSON) IS A CONVEYANCE WHEREBY ONE JAMES BENNETT DEEDS LAND TO ONE HENRY EASTERLING IN 1755. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT JAMES BENNETT MIGHT BE THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF THE REV. HENRY (AND INDEED HIS SECOND SON IS NAMED "JAMES"). IT MAY BE THEN THAT THE FAMILY LIVED FOR A TIME IN DUPLIN CO. WHERE SOME CHILDREN MAY HAVE BEEN BORN. WILLIAM EASTERLING, IN HIS APPLICATION FOR REV. WAR PENSION, STATED HE WAS BORN IN DOBBS CO., HOWEVER, IN 1757, AND THE REV. HENRY IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN DOBBS CO. IN 1760. THE READER MAY DRAW HIS OWN CONCLUSIONS.

THE REV. HENRY'S WIFE IS NAMED AS "ELLEN" IN THOMAS' HIST. OF MARLBORO COUNTY BUT THAT IS THE ONLY SOURCE THIS COMPILER IS AWARE OF THAT DOES NOT STATE "ELIZABETH". IN A CONVEYANCE, 4 FEB 1794, MARLBORO CO., S.C., THE REV. HENRY'S WIFE'S SIGNATURE (BY MARK) IS "ELIZABETH".

THE REV. HENRY HAS SURVEYS IN MARLBORO CO., S.C. IN EARLY 1785 AND SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS REPORTS HIM AS MINISTER OF BEAUTY SPOT CHURCH IN MARLBORO CO. DURING THE YEARS 1785,6,7,9,91,2. (ONE PUBLISHED ACCOUNT HAS THE REV. HENRY ORIGINATING BEAVERDAM CHURCH OF MARLBORO CO. IN 1771 BUT THAT CANNOT BE TRUE). HIS MOVE TO MARLBORO CO., S.C. FROM ANSON CO., N.C. WAS PROBABLY, THEN, IN EARLY 1785 OR PERHAPS A LITTLE EARLIER.

THE NAMES OF TEN CHILDREN ARE PUBLISHED IN THE BAPTIST HISTORIES OF S.C. AND N.C. SAMUEL AND JESSE ARE NOT INCLUDED BUT WILLIAM, IN A LETTER WRITTEN IN 1835, SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO HIS BROTHER SAMUEL. THE 1800 CENSUS OF MARION, S.C. SHOWS THE REV. HENRY'S SON JAMES AND ALSO SAMUEL AND JESSE BOTH TOO OLD TO BE GRANDSONS OF THE REV. HENRY. THIS COMPILER'S EXPLANATION FOR THEIR EXCLUSION FROM THE PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS IS THAT THEY WERE NOT BORN YET AT THE TIME THE CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE CAME AROUND TO THE VARIOUS CONGREGATIONS GATHERING DATA ON THE MINISTERS, ETC.

THE ORDER OF BIRTH OF THE CHILDREN IS BASED ON A COMBINATION OF FACTORS AND IS SUBJECT TO REVISION -PUBLISHED LISTS OF THE CHILDREN (WHICH DISAGREE AS TO THE ORDER)

-A STUDY OF EVERY CENSUS RECORD THAT COULD BE FOUND ON EACH OF THE REV. HENRY'S SONS TO DETERMINE PROBABLE YEAR OF BIRTH (NONE OF THEM SURVIVED TO 1850 EXCEPT POSSIBLY SAMUEL OR JESSE).

-A STUDY OF CONVEYANCE RECORDS, LAND GRANTS AND WITNESSES TO CONVEYANCES (BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WAS PROBABLY "GROWN" WHEN HIS NAME FIRST BEGINS TO APPEAR ON SUCH RECORDS).

-THE DAUGHTERS (OF WHOM, TO DATE, NOTHING IS KNOWN) WERE INSERTED INTO THE RESULTING GAPS IN AN ORDER BASED ON THE PUBLISHED LISTS. THE ASSUMPTION THAT ELIZABETH WAS OLDEST COULD BE WRONG.

THAT THE REV. HENRY IS BURIED ON THE OLD STAGE ROAD IS TAKEN FROM THE REWRITTEN MINUTES OF THE BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH, IN POSSESSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MCCOLL, S.C. THAT REV. HENRY IS BURIED AT OR NEAR TATUM, S.C. IS TAKEN FROM A GRAND-SON'S BIBLE (CAPT. HENRY EASTERLING, SON OF SHADRACH). THIS COMPILER DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THE "OLD STAGE ROAD" WAS BUT SUSPECTS THAT THE TWO LOCATIONS PROBABLY CORRESPOND.

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HUSBAND'S NAME CONN EASTERLING
When Born 16 NOV 1881 Where COVINGTON CO, MISS
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died _____ Where _____
When Buried _____ Where _____
When Married _____ Where _____
Other Wives (if any) _____
His Father JOHN SALVIN EASTERLING His Mother's Maiden Name SUSAN DEES

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CONN EASTERLING
(Husband's Full Name)
MATTIE COVINGTON
(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date _____
Compiler _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME MATTIE COVINGTON
When Born _____ Where _____
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died _____ Where _____
When Buried _____ Where _____
Other Husb. (if any) _____
Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____

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F	1	MARCEL						J. K. MOONEY									
M.	2	C. A.						SALLY FREEMAN									
M	3	DEES						MARY PUTT - DIVORCED									
F	4	MILDRED						BOB DONNEL									
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*If burial date is known, and not death date, write burial date. Prefix (Bur.)

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HUSBAND'S NAME REV. HENRY EASTERLING

When Born 1733 Where _____
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died 1800 Where MARLBORO DIST. S.C.
When Buried _____ Where _____
When Married _____ Where _____
Other Wives (if any) _____
His Father _____ His Mother's Maiden Name _____

Information on this sheet obtained from

REV. HENRY EASTERLING

(Husband's Full Name)

ELIZABETH BENNETT

(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date _____

Compiler _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME ELIZABETH BENNETT

When Born _____ Where _____
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died _____ Where _____
When Buried _____ Where _____
Other Husb. (if any) _____
Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____

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HUSBAND'S NAME HENRY EASTERLING
When Born CA 1776 Where _____
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died 1841 Where PERRY CO. MISS.
When Buried _____ Where _____
When Married _____ Where _____
Other Wives (if any) _____
His Father REV. HENRY EASTERLING His Mother's Maiden Name ELIZABETH BENNETT

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(Husband's Full Name)

(Wife's Maiden Name)
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City _____ State _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME MARGARET LAIRD
When Born _____ Where _____
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died _____ Where _____
When Buried _____ Where _____
Other Husb. (if any) _____
Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____

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HUSBAND'S NAME

JOHN EASTERLING

When Born

CA 1808

Where

Christened

Where

When Died

1845

Where

PROBABLY PERRY CO.

When Buried

Where

When Married

Where

Other Wives (if any)

His Father

HENRY EASTERLING

His Mother's Maiden Name

MARGARET LAIRD

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ROY WHITE ZIP 84402

P.O. BOX 491, OGDEN, UTAH

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MRS. D.L.O. MANNING - COV. CO MISS.

JOHN EASTERLING

(Husband's Full Name)

ELIZABETH

(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date

Compiler

Address

City

State

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

ELIZABETH

When Born

Where

N.C. (CENSUS)

Christened

Where

When Died

Where

When Buried

Where

Other Husb. (if any)

Her Father

Her Mother's Maiden Name

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M	1 HENRY W.			1833			MISS.	MARY McDONALD							JAMES	MISS	
F	2 MARGARET			1835			"										
M	3 JOHN			1837			"						1845		PERRY	MISS.	
	4 MARTHA			1838			"	LOUIS HENSARLING									
	5 BENJAMIN ASA			1840			"	JANIE EASTERLING									
	6 ANNA			1841			"										
	7 JAMES			1843			"										
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When Born CA 1833 Where _____
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died 1899 Where _____
When Buried _____ Where _____
When Married _____ Where _____
Other Wives (if any) _____
His Father JOHN EASTERLING His Mother's Maiden Name ELIZABETH

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HENRY W. EASTERLING

(Husband's Full Name)

MARY McDONALD

(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date _____
Compiler _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME MARY McDONALD
When Born 1827 Where MISS.
Christened _____ Where _____
When Died _____ Where _____
When Buried _____ Where _____
Other Husb. (if any) _____
Her Father WILLIAM McDONALD Her Mother's Maiden Name MARGARET McLEOD

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M	1			1857		COVINGTON	MISS	SUSAN DEES							SALEM	COVINGTON	MISS
M	2			1859		"	"	HENRIETTA STRAHAN							EDMUNDS	COVINGTON	MISS
M	3	16	NOV	1861		"	"	MATTIE RILEY							HARDY ST.	FOREST	MISS
M	4			1863		"	"	1 YEAR OLD							JONES	MISS	
M	5			1865		"	"	CHILD							JONES	MISS	
F	6	27	FEB	1867		"	"	PRENTISS McDONALD				13	DEC	1910	COLLINS	COVINGTON	MISS
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	9	HENRY W. EASTERLING & WIFE MARY McDONALD AND THEIR CHILDREN GEORGE AND AULSBURY AND BROTHERS															
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	12	ON TOP OF SANDY HILL BEHIND NIGGER HOUSES IN SOUTH EAST CORNER,															
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HUSBAND'S NAME

JOHN CALVIN EASTERLING

When Born

1857

Where

COVINGTON CO. MISS.

Christened

Where

When Died

1931

Where

When Buried

Where

SALEM CHURCH CEM, COLLINS, MISS.

When Married

Where

Other Wives
(if any)

His Father

HENRY W. EASTERLING

His Mother's Maiden Name

MARY McDONALD

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(Husband's Full Name)

(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date

Compiler

Address

City

State

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

SUSAN DEES

When Born

1859

Where

COVINGTON CO, MISS.

Christened

Where

When Died

1943

Where

When Buried

Where

SALEM CHURCH CEM, COLLINS, MISS.

Other Husb.
(if any)

Her Father

Her Mother's Maiden Name

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M	1	CONN	16	NOV	1841		COVINGTON	MISS	MATTIE COVINGTON									
F	2	D.L.O.	14	JAN	1883		"	"	JULIUS MANNING				1920			HILL & W GROVE CHURCH CEM	COVINGTON	MISS.
F	3	ZORA	10	JULY	1884		"	"	DERY MAGEE				21	MAY	1924			
M	4	GEORGE			1886		"	"	SINGLE									
F	5	JANIE	19	AUG	1888		"	"	BEN EASTERLING				4	APR	1934			
F	6	IRENE					"	"	LAUREN WEIXEL									
F	7	BESSIE					"	"	JOHN SMITH									
M	8	JOHN H.					"	"	EMMA FOURTH									
F	9	ZUDA	27	APR	1899		"	"	CLEMON STRINGER				8	FEB	1925			
F	10	GRACE			1900		"	"	DIED 8 DAYS							EASTERLING CEM. NOT MARKED		MISS
F	11	INFANT GIRL			1900		"	"	STILL BORN							"		MISS
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HUSBAND'S NAME WILLIAM ARCHIBALD EASTERLING

When Born 1859 Where _____

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died 1939 Where EMINENCE CHURCH CEM. COV. CO.

When Buried _____ Where SEMINARY, MISS.

When Married _____ Where _____

Other Wives (if any) _____

His Father HENRY W. EASTERLING His Mother's Maiden Name MARY McDONALD

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME HENRIETTA STRAHAN

When Born 1861 Where _____

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died 1940 Where _____

When Buried _____ Where EMINENCE

Other Husb. (if any) _____

Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____

Information on this sheet obtained from WILLIAM ARCHIBALD EASTERLING
(Husband's Full Name)

HENRIETTA STRAHAN
(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date _____

Compiler _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

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F	1	EMMA				COVINGTON	MISS.	FELIX CARR (LAZZ)									
F	2	MARY				"	"	LAZARUS HIRAH GRAYES				25	AUG	1958			
F	3	CLARA	3	JUNE	1890	"	"	LINUS ROBERTSON									
M	4	HUGH				"	"	NOLLIE MILLER							KILLED IN CAR WRECK.		
M	5	WILMA J.			1896	"	"	HILDA ELZEY						1943			
F	6	VELMA				"	"	DUFORD CRANFORD									
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HUSBAND'S NAME

ALBERT VICTOR EASTERLING

When Born

16 NOV 1861

Where

Christened

Where

When Died

1 JAN 1931

Where

When Buried

Where

HARDY ST. CEM. HATTIESBURG, MISS

When Married

Where

Other Wives
(if any)

His Father

HENRY W. EASTERLING

His Mother's Maiden Name

MARY McDONALD

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ALBERT V. EASTERLING

(Husband's Full Name)

MATTIE E. RILEY

(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date

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Address

City

State

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

MATTIE E. RILEY

When Born

19 FEB 1868

Where

Christened

Where

When Died

20 FEB 1945

Where

When Buried

Where

HARDY ST CEM. HATTIESBURG, MISS

Other Husb.
(if any)

Her Father

JAMES RILEY

Her Mother's Maiden Name

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M	1	CLARENCE	25	OCT	1887				2. ? I. ETTA NELSON				3	FEB	1962			
M	2	ALBERT			1892				BESS BOURNE						1944			
F	3	INEZ	3	MAR	1898				HARRY LEROY COOPER									
F	4	DR. RUBY	2	APR	1900				DR JESSIE MARTIN TYLER									
	5	ARNOLD DALE OSCAR	8	OCT	1910	ADOPTED			BEULAH SPIERS									
	6																	
	7	ANNIE KATHRYN MORRIS	25	DEC	1875	RETURNED FROM DEP 29, 1887 TILL SHE MARRIED			THOMAS JEFFERSON PICKERING	13	DEC	1896	12	APR	1962	SALEM	COVINGTON	MISS
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HUSBAND'S NAMEPRENTISS MCDONALD

When Born1857Where

ChristenedWhere

When Died1931Where

When BuriedWhereCOLLINS CITY CEMETERY, COLLINS

When MarriedWhereMISS.

Other Wives(if any)

His FatherMCDONALDHis Mother's Maiden Name

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PRENTISS MCDONALD
(Husband's Full Name)
MARY A. ROSA EASTERLING
(Wife's Maiden Name)
Date
Compiler
Address
CityState

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAMEMARY A. ROSA EASTERLING

When Born27 FEB 1867WhereCOVINGTON CO, MISS.

ChristenedWhere

When Died13 DEC 1910Where

When BuriedWhereCOLLINS CITY CEMETERY
COLLINS, MISS.

Other Husb.(if any)

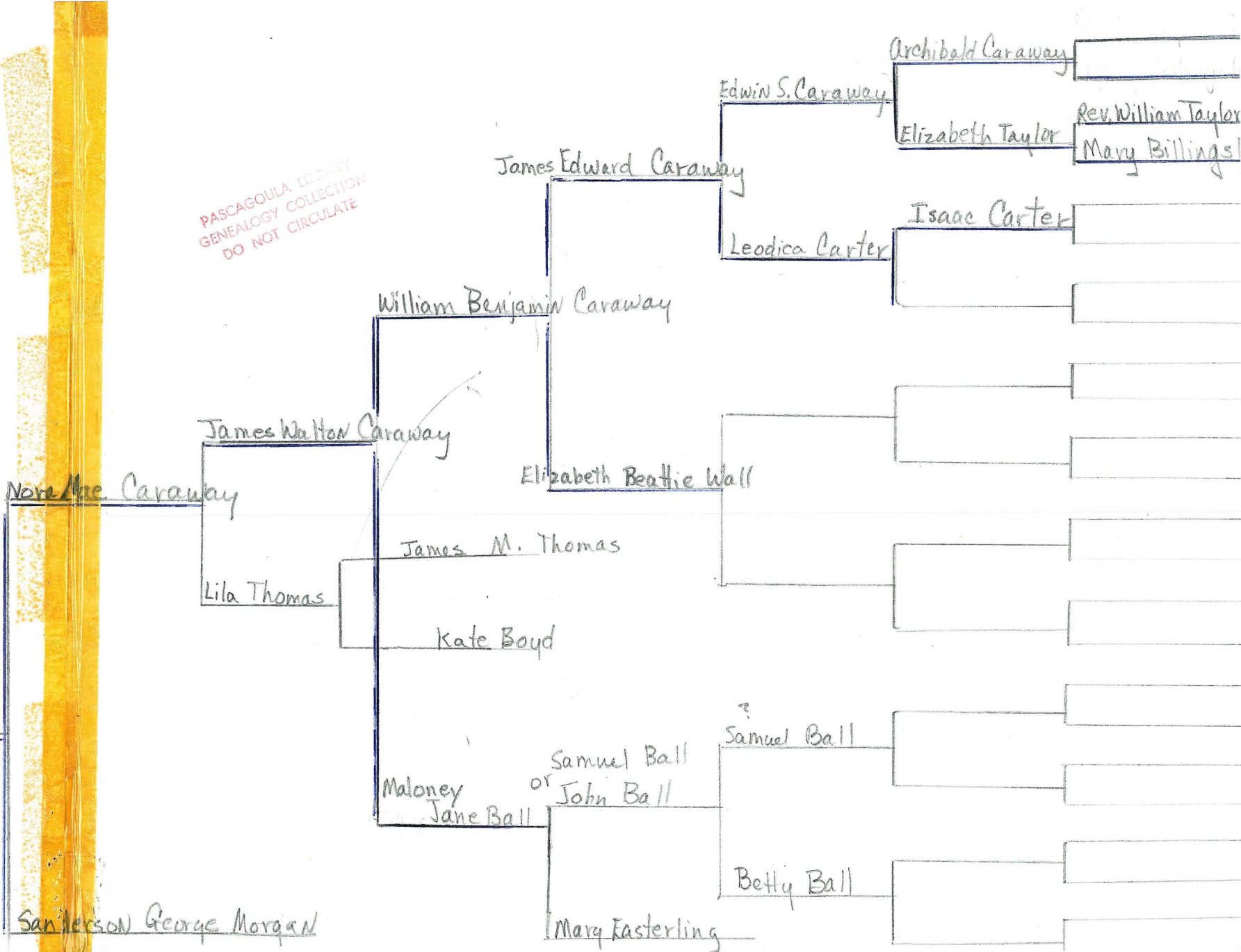
Her FatherHENRY W. EASTERLINGHer Mother's Maiden NameMARY MCDONALD

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Miss., as compiled by V.O. Garbell Sr. and re-harored in May 1970

be missing from it. Too, in mid-winter, when a stump hole a big pine had made, when torn down by a windstorm, would be the source of water when we had plenty of rain to keep water in the stump hole, or even a clear pool of water by the roadside would do, in wet weather. Just so the water was clear was all that mattered.

As for fuel, these one-teacher schools usually had a small box heater and boys who had not properly prepared their lessons would have to go into the nearby forests and pick up pine knots from fallen Long Leaf Pine for fuel, bringing it to the School House in their arms and some, but not all, houses were ceiled overhead, or the walls, and most floors had large cracks in them, large enough for a students pencil to fall through, if dropped. Seats consisted of home made benches no desks, and the teacher usually had at least one bench behind her seat and table for bad students, whose behavior was not up to par, and, if this did not calm the bad students down, there was a switch- no paddle in those days, which most students learned to try to avoid it's use on them by properly preparing their lessons. A milder, and more humane method of punishing a child was for them to have to Stay-in during recess, or noon hour play period and get up the unprepared lessons. Still another time for this was AFTER school had been dismissed for the day, with the teacher remaining with the bad student and, strange it may seem, some little bit of gossip would get started if a teacher kept a mature child of the opposite sex after school, as punishment, believe it or not.

Speaking of the Spelling Books refered to as the Blue Back Speller, I am fortunate enough to have a real well preserved copy, the only date I can find in it is where it was entered into the proper authorities Offices, as prescribes by law, in 1857. Another strange thing about this Blue Back Speller is the first few pages were devoted to teaching of the sounds of the letter in accenting the Pronunciation of a word, the various diacritical marks, what a vowel and a consonant letter is, ect. most of which is no longer in our texts of this day, and, strange as it may seem, a child had to learn their A,B and Cs from memory he was not allowed to begin learning how to spell 2 letter words, such as, it, at, in, on and ect. then to 3 letter words and later to 2 syllable words, and on down the line to more and more difficult words, such as Sap o na ceous, always divided into syllable

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A BABY BOY WAS THROWN OUT NEAR HERBANI
IN JONES COUNTY. SUSAN DEES EASTERLING
WIFE OF JOHN EASTERLING, RAISED
THE BOY AND NAMED HIM BEN
EASTERLING. HE BURNED CALHOUN
SCHOOL TO MARRY NANNIE
DAUGHTER OF JOHN & GOBANY
EASTERLING
BRYANT HOLCOMB BURNED
OLD WILLIAMSBURG SCHOOL

SAUL HOLCOMB KILLED
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9 10 1894 E 494
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3 24 1886 F 459
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7 12 1887 F 711
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9 10 1894 E 4 94
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ANGUS MCGILVARY TO FLORA C. BRADLEY, WJ
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SE NE 9 4 11

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2 25 1893 E 167
SE SE 10 4 11
NE SW

HA HOG 1 H C COOK
3 8 1894 E 362
NE NE 10 4 11

HA HOG F G BROWN
11 20 1894 E 524
NE NE 10 4 11

USD HUGH MCGIL
11 2 1911 L 134
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5 29 1907 O 144
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11 5 1910 R 40
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NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child

HUSBAND Lon I. Easterling

Born _____ Place _____

Chr. _____ Place _____

Marr. _____ Place _____

Died 1951 Place Forrest Co., Miss.

Bur. _____ Place _____

HUSBAND'S
FATHER
HUSBAND'S
OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S
MOTHER

WIFE Mary Jane White

Born _____ Place _____

Chr. _____ Place _____

Died _____ Place _____

Bur. _____ Place Buck Creek

WIFE'S
FATHER

WIFE'S
MOTHER

WIFE'S
OTHER
HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
	Given Names	Surname	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	M	EASTERLING, Talbert P.										
2	M	EASTERLING, Leon										
3	F	EASTERLING, Myrtle Elizabeth	18	Jan.	1900	Macedonia Community Hattiesburg		Miss.	30 Mar. 1918 Inman Merritt		Feb.	1926
4	F	EASTERLING, Edna							Hinton			
5	M	EASTERLING, Van Buren							Ellen Merritt			
6	F	EASTERLING, Ethel							Palmer			
7												
8												
9												
10												
11												

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Ellen Merritt is 1st cousin of Inman Merritt

OTHER MARRIAGES

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Chart No.

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

4 Henry Easterling
(Father of No. 2)
b. about 1776
p.b. probably Anson Co., N.C.
m. about 1806
d. late 1840 or 1841
p.d. Perry Co., Miss.

2 John Easterling
(Father of No. 1)
b. probably 1808
p.b.
m. probably 1832
d. 1845
p.d. probably Perry Co., Miss.

5 Margaret Lard (Easterling)
(Mother of No. 2)
b. about 1790
p.b. S.C.
d. 1860-70
p.d. probably Perry Co., Miss.

1 Andrew James Easterling
b. about 1843
p.b. Miss.
m.
d.
p.d.

8 (Father of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

3 Elizabeth Easterling
(Mother of No. 1)
b. 1809 or 1810
p.b. N.C.
d.
p.d.

7 (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Anderson
(Spouse of No. 1)

b. d.
p.b. p.d.

8 Rev. Henry Easterling
(Father of No. 4)
b. 24 May 1733
p.b. Craven Co., N.C.
m. Probably about 1753
d. 26 March 1800
p.d. Marlboro Co., S.C.

9 Elizabeth Bennett
(Mother of No. 4)

b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

10 Adam Lard
(Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

11 Lucretia Lard
(Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

13 (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16 (Father of No. 16)
b.
m.
d.

17 (Mother of No. 17)
b.
d.

18 James Bennett
(Father of No. 18)
b.
m.
d.

19 (Mother of No. 19)
b.
d.

20 (Father of No. 20)
b.
m.
d.

21 (Mother of No. 21)
b.
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22 (Father of No. 22)
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23 (Mother of No. 23)
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24 (Father of No. 24)
b.
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d.

25 (Mother of No. 25)
b.
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26 (Father of No. 26)
b.
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d.

27 (Mother of No. 27)
b.
d.

28 (Father of No. 28)
b.
m.
d.

29 (Mother of No. 29)
b.
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30 (Father of No. 30)
b.
m.
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31 (Mother of No. 31)
b.
d.

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16 HENRY EASTERLING
b. 1766 (Father of No. 1, Cont. on chart No. 1)
m. NC
d.
17 ELIZABETH WHITTINGTON
(Mother of No. 1, Cont. on chart No. 1)
b.
d.
18 James Bennett
(Father of No. 2, Cont. on chart No. 2)
m.
d.
19 (Mother of No. 2, Cont. on chart No. 2)
b.
d.
20 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 10)
m.
d.
21 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 10)
b.
d.
22 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 11)
m.
d.
23 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 11)
b.
d.
24 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 12)
m.
d.
25 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 12)
b.
d.
26 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 13)
m.
d.
27 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 13)
b.
d.
28 (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 14)
m.
d.
29 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 14)
b.
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30 (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 15)
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p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.
13 (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

7 (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d.
15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Anderson
(Spouse of No. 1)
b. d.
p.b. p.d.

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GROUP SHEET

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Name William Easterling (Capt.)
B./Place 10 March 1757 Dobbs Co. (now Wayne) NC
M./Place 24 April 1783 Richmond Co. NC
D./Place 1839 Marlboro Co. SC
Other Sp. none
Father Rev. Henry Easterling
Mother Elizabeth/Ellen Bennett
Ref. Covington Family History

Data on Spouse

Name Elizabeth Sands Covington
B./Place 12 Jan. 1765 Maryland
M./Place same
D./Place 1 Sept. 1848 Marlboro Co. SC
Other Sp. none
Father Henry Covington
Mother Elizabeth
Ref. Covington Family History

Data on Children

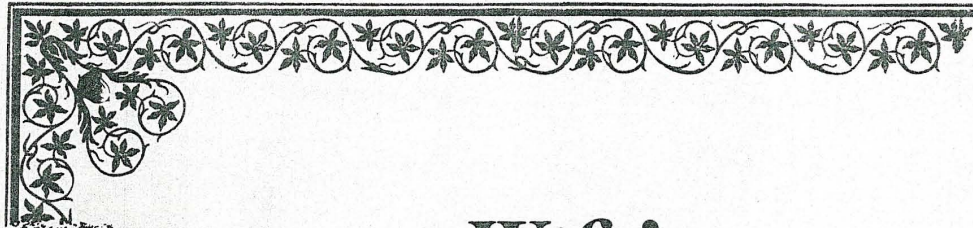
1 . James	b. 24 Nov. 1784 m. Miss Manship
2 . Henry	b. 10 Jan. 1786 m. Clara Baggot
3 . John	b. 8 Feb. 1787 m. Nancy "Ann" Covington
4 . Sarah	b. 11 Dec. 1788 m. Mr. Herndon
5 . Tristram	b. 23 July 1790 d. 10 Sept. 1791
6 . Martha	b. 21 Feb. 1792 m. William Adams
7 . William	b. 29 Oct. 1794 m. Martha Alsbrooks
8 . Joe	b. 5 Nov. 1796 m. Obedience Adams
9 . Shadrock	b. 2 June 1798 m. Miss Adams
10 . Bennett	b. 1800
11 . Samuel	b. 14 Oct. 1802 m. Mary Ann Alsbrooks
12 . Elizabeth	b. 1805
13 . David	b. 1808 m. Celia Watson

Comments

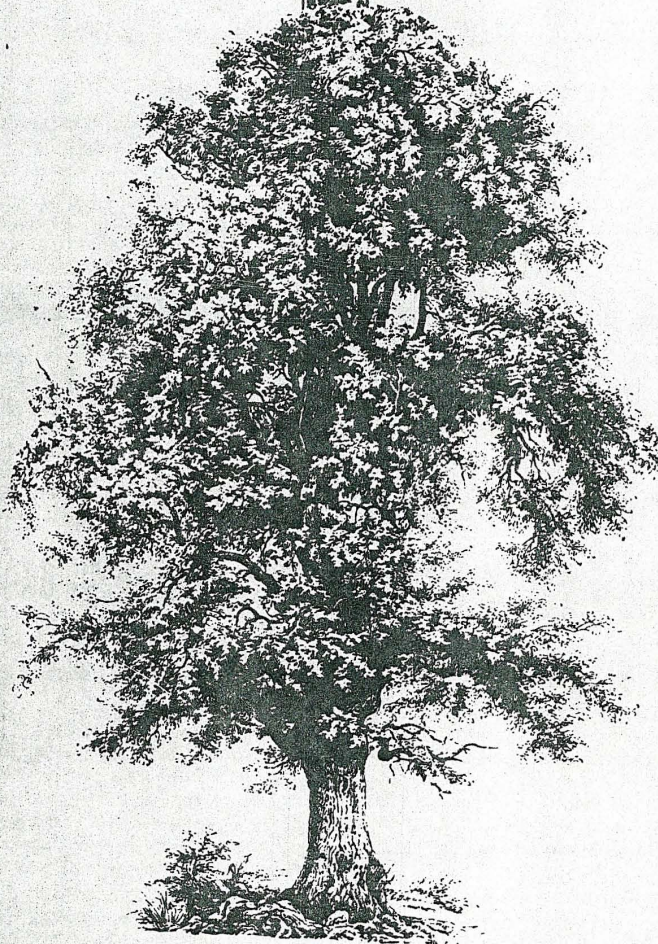
William migrated from Richmond Co., NC to Marlboro Co., SC on Jan. 25, 1786. He was a Rev. Soldier, teacher, and Ordinary of Marlboro Co. for 32 years. He and his wife are buried in the Easterling family cemetery, Marlboro Co., SC.

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Wife's Ancestral Chart



Beverly Janet Easterling Smith

WIFE'S FULL NAME

April 1, 1949

MAgee, MS.

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

Aug 21, 1970

Mt. Olive, MS.

DATE OF MARRIAGE

PLACE OF MARRIAGE

DATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF BURIAL

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Johnnie Ralph Easterling
FATHER'S FULL NAME
Feb. 1, 1923
DATE OF BIRTH
April 9, 1943
DATE OF MARRIAGE
Mt. Olive, MS.
PLACE OF BIRTH
Mt. Olive, MS.
PLACE OF MARRIAGE
DATE OF DEATH
PLACE OF BURIAL
OCCUPATION
HEAVY Equipment Operator
SPECIAL INTERESTS

Thomas Jefferson Easterling
GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
12-29-1897
DATE OF BIRTH
12-24-1920
DATE OF MARRIAGE
Mt. Olive, MS.
PLACE OF BIRTH
12-1975
DATE OF DEATH
McNair Cem., Mt. Olive
PLACE OF BURIAL
Road Construction Foreman
OCCUPATION
FISHING
SPECIAL INTERESTS

Tempe Louise Ponder Easterling
GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME
10-4-1897
DATE OF BIRTH
12-24-1920
DATE OF MARRIAGE
Mt. Olive, MS.
PLACE OF BIRTH
Mt. Olive, MS.
PLACE OF MARRIAGE
DATE OF DEATH
Housewife, herbs
OCCUPATION
SPECIAL INTERESTS

THE PRECEDING 3 GENERATIONS ON FOLLOWING PAGE

Sarah Merle Delk Easterling
MOTHER'S FULL NAME
Oct. 15, 1927
DATE OF BIRTH
April 9, 1943
DATE OF MARRIAGE
Mt. Olive, MS.
PLACE OF BIRTH
Mt. Olive, MS.
PLACE OF MARRIAGE
DATE OF DEATH
PLACE OF BURIAL
OCCUPATION
Housewife
SPECIAL INTERESTS
Quilting, Flower Gardening

Buford Elmer Delk
GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
May 1891
DATE OF BIRTH
DATE OF MARRIAGE
PLACE OF MARRIAGE
DATE OF DEATH
Operated A Cotton Gin
OCCUPATION
SPECIAL INTERESTS

Mattie Rogers
GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME
Oct. 22, 1894
DATE OF BIRTH
Nov 2, 1960
DATE OF DEATH
Rock Hill Cem., Mt. Olive
PLACE OF BIRTH
Mt. Olive, MS.
PLACE OF BURIAL
OCCUPATION
SPECIAL INTERESTS

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Thomas Jefferson Easterling, Sr.
GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
Sept. 26, 1863 Mt. Olive
DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

OCCUPATION

Stella Caroline Johnson Easterling
GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME
July 10, 1871 Mt. Olive
DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

SPECIAL INTERESTS

John Calvin Alexander (Jack) Ponder
GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
Mar 24, 1869
DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH
Justice of the Peace and Farmer
OCCUPATION

Missouri Edwards Ponder
GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME
Dec. 16, 1868
DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Henry R. Easterling
GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
Lucinda Easterling
GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME

Duncan B. Johnson
GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
Nancy McLeod Johnson
GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME

John Pierson Ponder
GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
B. 1846
Frances Roberts Ponder
GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME

Joe Edwards
GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
Jane Pace Edwards
GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME

James Thomas Delk
GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

OCCUPATION

Elizabeth Bryant
GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

SPECIAL INTERESTS

David Delk
GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME

Mahalia Brown
GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME

Matthew Bryant
GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME

Sarah Sheppard
GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME

Arthur L. Rogers
GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
Apr. 18, 1857
DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

OCCUPATION

Josiah Rogers
GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
Keziah Duckworth
GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME

Sarah Amanda Barnes
GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME
Sept. 2, 1863
DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH
Reading
SPECIAL INTERESTS

Will Barnes
GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER'S FULL NAME
Marguerite Norwood
GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S FULL NAME

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Great, Great, Great Grandparents

MR. & MRS. John Neville Easterling Great - Great, Great, Great Shadrack Easterling	NEE Nancy McDonald	William Bennett
MR. & MRS. Joel Thomas Easterling Great - Great, Great, Great Shadrack Easterling	NEE Nancy Bennett	Rachel
MR. & MRS. Allen Johnson	NEE Edith Hambrick	James Hambrick
MR. & MRS. Daniel McLeod Great, Great, Great, Great Peter McLeod	NEE Nancy Bennett	Mary Binkston William Bennett Rachel
MR. & MRS. Jesse Ponder b MAY, 1825 Great, Great, Great, Great John (Jehu) Ponder	NEE Martha McBride	
MR. & MRS. Benjamin Roberts	NEE Effie Mathison	James Mathison Rachel McInnis
MR. & MRS. Richmond Pace Great Great Great Great John Pace	NEE Sarah McKoskill	
MR. & MRS. Elisha Delk	NEE Eliza Adair	
MR. & MRS. Willis Bryant Great Great Great Great Lewis Bryant	NEE Marrie Elizabeth Pierson	John Pierson (Person)
MR. & MRS. Abner Sheppard	NEE Frances Lavender (Lavender)	
MR. & MRS. Meshack Rogers Great Great Great Great Shadrack Rogers	NEE Harriet	
MR. & MRS. Zabard Ducks worth	NEE Elizabeth Jones	Fredrick Pace Elizabeth
MR. & MRS. Isiah Norwood Great Great Great Great John Jackson Norwood	NEE McCa Lucentia	Kindred Delk
	NEE Nancy Phillips	Charles Phillips
	NEE Cynthia Peacock	
	NEE Eliza Hales	John Hales Mercer
	NEE Lucy Brunson	
	NEE Hopey	
	NEE Mary Thompson	Joseph Thompson Mary (Mollie) Jolly
	NEE Amanda Magee	Robert Magee Margaret Grav
	NEE Catherine Powell	

NEE REPRESENTS WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME

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NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

HUSBAND Jacob White

Born 7-4-1830 Place

Chr. Place

Marr. Place

Died 8-13-1913 Place

Bur. Place

HUSBAND'S FATHER

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

Virginia Barton

HUSBAND'S MOTHER

WIFE Elizabeth Lynes

Born 9-15-1837 Place

Chr. Place

Died 7-14-1892 Place

Bur. Place

WIFE'S FATHER

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

WIFE'S MOTHER

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SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names Surname	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1X F	WHITE, Mary Jane							Low Easterling			
2	Robert white	11	27	1857					5	17	1940
3	Frank white			1870							
4	Henry W white										
5	Nathan white			1862				Jessie B			
6	Martha Jane			1855				Irvin Wesley Walter			
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD

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HENRY EASTERLING, REV. 1733 1800 MARLBOROUGH DIST., S.F.

M. ELIZABETH BENNETT

SON

HENRY EASTERLING

M. MARGARET LAIRD

SON

JOHN EASTERLING CIR 1808 1845

M. ELIZABETH

SON

HENRY W. EASTERLING 1873

M. MARY McDONALD 1827

CHILDREN

JOHNNIE CALVIN EASTERLING 1857

M. SUSAN DEES

WILLIAM IRONIE EASTERLING 1859

M. HELENE STRAHAN

ALBERT VICTOR EASTERLING 1861

M. MARTIE E. RILEY

GEORGE 1863

HULSBERRY 1863

MARY ROSA EASTERLING 1867

M. GEORGE PRINCE MICHAEL

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B. 1733 D 1800

MR. ELIZABETH BENNETT

CHILDREN

ELIZABETH

WILLIAM

STARTED MARLBORO CO, S.C.

JAMES

WENT TO GA.

MARY

SHADRACK

MARY

BENNETT

TO MISS

JOHN

BARNWELL DIST S.C.

JOEL

DIED HINDS CO, MISS 1836

HENRY

SAMUEL

TO ALABAMA

JESSE

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M. ELIZABETH BENNETT

(CHILD)

SHADRACK EASTERLING

TO RANKIN CO BEFORD 1830

M. HANCOY BENNETT

SON

JOEL THOMAS EASTERLING

M. EDITH HEMIBRICK

DAUGHTER

REARER EASTERLING

M. JAMES E. ALLEN

DAUGHTER

EMMA ALLEN

M. DANIEL EPHRAIM BRIDGES

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M. ELIZABETH BENNETT

(CHILD)

SHADROCK EASTERLING

TO RANKIN CO. DECEMBER 1830

M. HARVEY BENNETT

SON

JOEL THOMAS EASTERLING

M. EDITH HENRICK

DAUGHTER

REARDED EASTERLING

M. JAMES E. ALLEN

DAUGHTER

EMMA ALLEN

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COUNTY OF

To any Minister, Judge, Justice or other Person Authorized by Law to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony.

You are Hereby licensed to Celebrate the
rites of MATRIMONY
BETWEEN

Mr. Robert L. Rawles and
Miss Lestie Easterling
and for so doing this shall be your warrant.
Given under my hand and official seal this the *6* day of *July*
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and *14*

R. G. Cowan Circuit Clerk
By *Geo H Davidson*

The State of Mississippi } By Virtue of A License
LAMAR County

From the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of LAMAR I have
this day celebrated the Rites of Matrimony between *Mr. Robert L. Rawles*
and *Miss Lestie Easterling*

Given under my hand this the *9* day of *July* A.D. 19*14*

W. H. Thompson

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Mr B. F Rawls - born the 19th day
2 Aug 1828 ~~at New York~~
Mrs Charity F Rawles born Apr. 19. 1829

Father + Mother + their Children

Mary F Rawles Sept 15, 1850

Nancy C Rawles July 19, 1853

Benjamin J Rawles Oct. 30, 1854

Lucy G. Rawles Mar 25, 1856

Laura A Rawles Mar 7, 1858

Charles I. Rawles Dec 10, 1859

Sarah I. Rawles April 7, 1861

Daniel L. Rawles Sept 12, 1862

Charity E. Rawles May 14, 1862

Felix Leon Rawles was born

Mar 25, 1856

(wife) Rebecca Rawles born Dec 18, 1858

Children:

Edna Floy Rawles (Clark) born Sept 22, 1879

Mary E Rawles (Sutton) born Nov. 2, 1881

~~Lucas~~ Rufus E. Rawles born June 7, 1882

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Henry L. Rawles born. Feb 23, 1884
Jerrie Rawles " Dec 13, 1885-
~~Robert~~ Robert L. Rawles - May 27, 1889
Artie Mae Rawles - April 24, 1891
Thosma Rawles Jan 9, 1893
Sarah Lee Rawles Mar 6, 1895-
Nannie Ray Rawles May 27, 1897
Felix F. Rawles Feb 4, 1900

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Note book white

Antie's Mother Old Williamsburg - Covington County
— Fannie Eliza Easterling Latt —?

Born - Sept 23, 1864

Died Jan 30, 1914

(Laid she was ill and not
my own - I don't think not done me wrong)
Inscription on tomb.

Martha J. Latt

Born Sept 5, 1848

Died July 26, 1899

J. W. Easterling - husband of Fannie

Born May 12, 1861

Died Nov 9, 1904

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ROY WHITE
P.O. Box 481
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MRS. ARCHIE PICKERING
ROUTE 4
COLLINS, MISSISSIPPI

DEAR MRS. PICKERING:

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FAMILY HISTORY AND HAVE DONE WORK ON SEVERAL MISSISSIPPI FAMILIES, AMONG WHOM ARE THE McDONALDS. JANET SMITH OF LUCEDALE REPORTS THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR NOTES DATA TO THE EFFECT THAT MARY McDONALD MARRIED HENRY W. EASTERLING.

I AM WORKING THE EASTERLING FAMILY -- TRYING TO SORT OUT AND ORGANIZE THE VARIOUS BRANCHES AND GROUPS ACROSS THE SOUTH. I AM WONDERING IF YOU HAVE FOLLOWED UP THE DESCENDANTS OF MARY McDONALD EASTERLING AND CAN TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT THEM. FROM CENSUS RECORDS I HAVE FOUND FOUR CHILDREN:

JOHN CALVIN	BORN 1857	M. SUSAN DEES
WILLIAM A.	BORN CA 1859	
ALBERT	BORN CA 1861	
MARY A.R.	BORN CA 1867	

CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING MORE -- WHO THEY MARRIED; NAMES OF THEIR CHILDREN; WHEN DIED; WHERE LIVED; HOW TO CONTACT PRESENT-DAY DESCENDANTS; ETC. SO THAT I CAN FILL IN A COUPLE MORE OF THE EMPTY SPOTS ON THIS FAMILY GROUP SHEET I AM WONDERING IF YOU KNOW THE NAMES OF MARY McDONALD'S PARENTS.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE AND HOPING TO HEAR, I AM

SINCERELY,

Roy White

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DEAR MRS. PICKERING:

YOUR WELCOME LETTER ARRIVED SEVERAL DAYS AGO AND I WAS REALLY GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. YOUR LETTER HAD A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT I DIDN'T HAVE.

AS IT HAPPENS, I DESCEND FROM ANOTHER FAMILY OF EASTERLING'S -- NOT HENRY W. AND HIS WIFE MARY McDONALD -- BUT I AM RELATED, DISTANTLY, I AM TRYING TO COLLECT ANY AND ALL EASTERLING INFORMATION THAT I CAN ROUND UP -- HOPING TO UNRAVEL AS MANY OF THE SOUTHERN EASTERLING FAMILIES AS I CAN.

I WONDER IF YOU WOULD LOOK OVER THE ENCLOSED FAMILY GROUP SHEETS AND SEE IF YOUR CAN ADD ANY INFORMATION -- SURE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

ABOUT THE EARLY McDONALD FAMILY -- THE CHILDREN OF ANGUS (1769-1861). I AM CURIOUS ABOUT ALEXANDER S. McDONALD WHO DIED 31 MARCH 1856 IN MISSISSIPPI. WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT HIS FAMILY. JOHN NEVILLE EASTERLING WHO DIED IN 1834, RANKING COUNTY, MISS., MARRIED NANCY McDONALD AND THEIR OLDEST SON WAS NAMED "ALEXANDER". FURTHERMORE, ONE ALEXANDER McDONALD WAS APPOINTED AS AN ADMINISTRATOR OF JOHN N. EASTERLING'S ESTATE. COULD NANCY BE A DAUGHTER OF ALEXANDER?? IF SO, WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THAT FAMILY -- THE FAMILY OF NANCY McDONALD EASTERLING. I HAVE TRACKED HER AND SOME OF HER CHILDREN TO SCOTT COUNTY, MISS. IN THE 1880 CENSUS; AND ONE OF HER SONS WENT TO SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS WHERE HE MARRIED HIS FIRST-COUSIN.

AS FOR MY OWN LINES, I ASSUME YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE ONES THAT COME THRU MISSISSIPPI. THEY ARE SEVERAL -- INCLUDING BRIDGES, ALLEN, THOMPSON, JONES, EASTERLING, BANKSTON, HAMBRICK. IN ADDITION I HAVE STRONG REASON TO BELIEVE I AM RELATED TO ERVIN, BARNES & VANZANDT FAMILIES OF MISSISSIPPI. I AM ALSO RELATED TO THE ROGERS OF COLLINS, MISS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE FAMILIES LET ME KNOW AND I WILL TRY TO FILL YOU IN WITH WHAT I HAVE -- SOME OF THE DATA I HAVE IS RATHER SPARSE BUT YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME. THE BRIDGES WERE IN PIKE & SIMPSON COS; THE ALLEN IN HINDS & SIMPSON; THE THOMPSON IN PIKE & SIMPSON; THE JONES IN HINDS; THE EASTERLING IN RANKIN; THE BANKSTON(MARRIED THE HAMBRICK); THE HAMBRICK IN RANKIN; THE ERVIN IN HINDS; THE BARNES IN MARION; THE VANZANDT IN SIMPSON; THE ROGERS IN COVINGTON(MY OWN BRANCH WAS IN EAST FELICIANA, LA.) AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT THE THOMPSON WAS IN MARION & SIMPSON INSTEAD OF PIKE COUNTY.

SORRY ABOUT THE PAGE BEING TORN -- IT GOT CAUGHT IN THE TYPEWRITER.

MRS. PICKERING, I SURE DO THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY LETTER AND I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN.

SINCERELY,

Roy White

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7 DECEMBER 1971

ROY WHITE
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DEAR MRS. PICKERING:

THE GROUP SHEETS ARRIVED A DAY OR SO AGO AND I REALLY DO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING IN THE ADDED INFORMATION. NO TELLING HOW I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THIS IF NOT FOR YOU.

NONE OF YOUR OTHER LINES ARE IN ANY OF MY FAMILIES, THAT I KNOW OF AT PRESENT, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF HERRIN. I DO HAVE A HERRON LINE ABOUT WHICH I KNOW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. ALL I KNOW IS THAT ONE ELIZABETH HERRON MARRIED MY ANCESTOR THOMAS GREEN DICKSON, PROBABLY IN GEORGIA. I DO NOT KNOW THEIR AGES BUT THEIR DAUGHTER, NANCY HERRON DICKSON WAS BORN IN DEC. 1825 SO THAT GOES BACK QUITE A WAYS. MAY I REFER YOU TO MILTON E. HERRON, HERRON HILL, ORONOCO, MINNESOTA, 55960 WHO IS APPARENTLY COLLECTING INFORMATION ON ALL FAMILIES OF THE NAME.

THEN THE AULTMAN FAMILY HAS MARRIED INTO THE EASTERLING FAMILY -- A DIFFERENT BRANCH FROM MY OWN. I HAVE CORRESPONDED WITH MR. BRUCE C. AULTMAN, ATTORNEY, OF P.O. Box 750; HATTIESBURG, MISS. 39401 IN CONNECTION WITH HIS EASTERLING CONNECTION. PERHAPS HE CAN HELP YOU WITH THE AULTMAN OR REFER YOU TO SOME MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY.

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT TELLING YOU ABOUT MY OWN EASTERLING CONNECTION AS I DID NOT REALIZE YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED SINCE IT IS NOT TIED IN WITH THE McDONALD. I GO BACK TO THE REV. HENRY EASTERLING (1733-1800) OF MARBORO DIST., S.C. REV. HENRY'S SON SHADRACH AND HIS SECOND WIFE NANCY BENNETT MIGRATED TO RANKIN COUNTY, MISS., SOMETIME BEFORE 1830. THEIR CHILDREN WERE WILLIAM BENNETT; CHARLOTTE BRIGHT; JOHN NEVILLE; ELIZABETH ODOM; NANCY MCBRIDE; SHADRACH H.; SARAH BRIGHT; JOEL THOMAS; RACHEL DICKSON/ALLEN/MANGUM; & MARY JANE MANGUM. I DESCEND FROM JOEL THOMAS AND HIS WIFE EDITH HAMBRICK, THRU THEIR DAUGHTER RACHEL WHO MARRIED JAMES E. ALLEN, THRU THEIR DAUGHTER EMMA WHO MARRIED DANIEL EPHRAIM BRIDGES WHO MIGRATED TO TEXAS ABOUT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. MY OWN BRANCH LIVED IN S.W. RANKIN COUNTIES AND IN WESTERN SIMPSON AND EXTREME EASTERN COPIAH COUNTIES. SOME OF THESE CHILDREN WENT TO S.W. ARKANSAS VIA NORTHERN LA.

HENRY W. EASTERLING WHO MARRIED MARY McDONALD WAS A SON OF JOHN EASTERLING AND WIFE ELIZABETH. JOHN WAS A SON OF HENRY EASTERLING AND WIFE MARGARET LARD. HENRY WAS A SON OF REV. HENRY EASTERLING (1733-1800).

THANKS AGAIN.

SINCERELY,

Roy White

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23 FEB 1975

DEAR MRS. PICKERING;

A LITTLE OVER THREE YEARS AGO WE CORRESPONDED AND YOU GAVE ME SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAMILY OF McDONALD, MARY WHO MARRIED HENRY EASTERLING. I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED HAVING KNOWN ONE MRS. D.L.O. MANNING, A DESCENDANT OF THIS HENRY AND MARY.

I AM WONDERING IF YOU CAN PUT ME IN TOUCH WITH ONE OR MORE OF HENRY AND MARY'S DESCENDANTS WHO MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HENRY'S BROTHERS. YOU MENTIONED BEFORE THAT HENRY HAD BROTHERS BEN AND ANDY. I AM SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT HAPPENED TO HENRY'S BROTHER JOHN, WHO I THINK TO HAVE MARRIED ONE SAMANTHA LEE. JOHN AND SAMANTHA APPARENTLY SEPARATED SOON AFTERWARDS AND THEN SAMANTHA AND THEIR LITTLE DAUGHTER RACHEL WENT TO LIVE WITH THE LEE FAMILY. MY PROBLEM IS THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF "JOHN" INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO MARRIED HER AND I AM TRYING TO ELIMINATE ONE OR THE OTHER (OR MAYBE BOTH?).

HOPING YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REFER ME TO SOMEONE, I REMAIN

SINCERELY,

Roy White

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MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH VITAL RECORDS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH Bureau of Vital Statistics CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
PLACE OF DEATH County: _____ Vgt. Pct. _____ Inc. Town _____ Village _____ City _____		Registration District No. <u>8391</u> Primary Registration District No. <u>8591</u> (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)	
2 FULL NAME <u>John Andrew Easterling</u>		File No. <u>1</u> Registered No. <u>2</u> If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number.	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <u>Male</u>	4 COLOR or RACE <u>White</u>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) _____	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Nov 27, 1912</u> Month Day Year
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>Mar 13, 1887</u> Month Day Year		17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended the deceased from <u>Nov 26</u> , 1912, to <u>Nov 27</u> , 1912, that I last saw him alive on <u>Nov 27</u> , 1912, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>12</u> m.	
7 AGE _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	If LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. or _____ min.?		
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Farming</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed, (or employee) _____		The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows: <u>Paralysis</u>	
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Forest</u>		Duration _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	
PARENTS	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>John Easterling</u>	Contributory SECONDARY Duration _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.	
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>Don't know</u>	Signed <u>J. B. Easterling</u> M. D. <u>Nov 29</u> 1912 Address <u>Hillcrest</u>	
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Elizabeth Dosssett</u>	* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in death from VIOLENT CAUSE, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL.	
	13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>Don't know</u>	18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents): At Place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence _____	
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) _____ (Address) _____		19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL _____ DATE OF REMOVAL _____ 191	
15 Filed <u>12-10</u> 1912 <u>A. Cobbs</u> Registrar		20 UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____	

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

Alton B. Cobb, M.D.
ALTON B. COBB, M.D.
STATE HEALTH OFFICER

FEB 11 1985

David Lohrlich
DAVID LOHRISCH
STATE REGISTRAR

change John cabr in
John Andrew m. mary 5 same Andrew son

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FEB. 27, 1985

DEAR PATRICIA:

I WROTE YOU A MONTH OR SO AGO CONCERNING THE PARENTAGE OF MY ANCESTOR JOHN A. (ANDREW J.) EASTERLING. AS YOU INDICATED, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS BECAUSE OF VARIOUS PEOPLE LISTED AS A.J. OR J.A. EASTERLING ETC. --- THROUGH YOUR CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, YOU HAD HIM PLACED WITH BENNETT & MARY EASTERLING AS I HAD BELIEVED ALSO. YET, OTHERS STATED HE WAS THE SON OF JOHN & ELIZABETH (GRANTHAM) EASTERLING. STILL, NO DIRECT EVIDENCE. AFTER LISTENING TO MY GRANDMOTHER'S STORY CONCERNING HIS DEATH, IT APPEARED HE DIED IN NOV. OF 1912, THE VERY FIRST MONTH THAT MISS. STARTED TO RECORD DEATH CERTIFICATES. I OBTAINED THE ENCLOSED DEATH CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR RECORDS INDICATING HIS PARENTS WERE JOHN & ELIZABETH EASTERLING OF PERRY COUNTY. HIS BIRTHDATE AND AGE AT VARIOUS CENSUS YEARS, HE IS THE JOHN LISTED WITH ELIZABETH EASTERLING IN THE 1850 PERRY CO., MS CENSUS AT AGE 13. IT IS THIS JOHN, MY ANCESTOR, THAT MARRIED MARY JANE ANDERSON AND NOT HIS BROTHER AS OTHERS HAVE LISTED. (ANDREW JAMES)

I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE INFORMATION YOU SENT ME REGARDING THE EASTERLING FAMILY PRIOR TO REV. HENRY. IF YOU HAVE THE SOURCES OF THOSE LISTED PRIOR TO REV. HENRY, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD SEND THEM TO ME FOR MY RECORDS. IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN, MY LINEAGE TAKES ME THROUGH WHAT YOU HAVE MENTIONED AS HENRY IV, WHICH I BELIEVE MAKES US RELATED.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely, Ben

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family.

So, when the Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land, he asks much of us.

The Great Chief sends word he will reserve us a place so that we can live comfortably to ourselves. He will be our father and we will be his children.

So we will consider your offer to buy our land. But it will not be easy. For this land is sacred to us.

This shining water that moves in the streams and rivers is not just water but the blood of our ancestors. If we sell you land you must remember that it is sacred and that each ghostly reflection in the clear water of the lakes tells of events and memories in the life of my people. The water's murmur is the voice of my fathers's father.

The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst. The rivers carry our canoes, and feed our children. If we sell you our land, you must remember, and teach your children, that the rivers are our brothers, and yours, and you must henceforth give the rivers the kindness you would give any brother.

The red man has always retreated before the advancing white man, as the mist of the mountains runs before the morning sun. But the ashes of our fathers are sacred. Their graves are holy ground, and so these hills, these trees, this portion of the earth is consecrated to us. We know that the white man does not understand our ways. Our portion of land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it, he moves on. He leaves his fathers' graves behind, and he does not care. He kidnaps the earth from children. He does not care. His fathers' graves and his children's birthright are forgotten. He treats his mother, the

earth, and his brother, the sky, as things to be bought, plundered, sold like sheep or bright beads. His appetite will devour the earth and leave behind a desert.

I do not know. Our ways are different from your ways. The sight of your cities pains the eyes of the red man. But perhaps it is because the red man is a savage and does not understand.

There is no quiet place in the white man's cities. No place to hear the unfurling of leaves in spring or the rustle of insect's wings. But perhaps it is because I am a savage and do not understand. The clatter seems to insult the ears. And what is there to life if a man cannot hear the lonely cry of the whippoorwill or the arguments of the frogs around a pond at night? I am a red man and do not understand. The Indian prefers the soft sound of the wind darting over the face of a pond, and the smell of the wind itself, cleansed by a midday rain or scented with the pinion pine.

The air is precious to the red man for all things share the same breath...the beast, the tree, the man, they all share the same breath. The white man does not seem to notice the air he breathes. Like a man dying for many days, he is numb to the stench. But if we sell you our land, you must remember that the air is precious to us, that the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports. The wind that gave our grandfather his first breath also receives his last sigh. And the wind must also give our children the spirit of life. And if we sell you our land, you must keep it apart and sacred, as a place where even the white man can go to taste the wind that is sweetened by the meadow's flowers.

So we will consider your offer to buy our land. If we decide to accept, I will make one condition: The white man must treat the beasts of this land as his brothers.

I am a savage and I do not understand any other way. I have seen a thousand rotting buffalos on

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the prairie, left by the white man who shot them from a passing train. I am a savage and I do not understand how the smoking iron horse can be more important than the buffalo that we kill only to stay alive.

You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of our grandfathers. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin. Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves.

This we know. The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

But we will consider your offer to go the reservation you have for my people. We will live apart and in peace. It matters little where we spend the rest of our days. Our children have seen their fathers humbled in defeat. Our warriors have felt shame, and after defeat they turn their days in idleness and contaminate their bodies with sweet foods and strong drink. It matters little where we pass the rest of our days. They are not many. A few more hours, a few more winters, and none of the children of the great tribes that one lived on this earth or that roam now in small bands in the woods will be left to mourn the graves of a people once as powerful and hopeful as yours. But why should I mourn the passing of my people? Tribes are made of men, nothing more. Men come and go, like the waves of the sea.

Even the white man, whose God walks and talks

with him as friend to . . . cannot be exempt from the common destiny. We may be brothers after all, we shall see. One thing we know, which the white man may one day discover...our God is the same God. You may think now that you own Him as you wish to own our land, but you cannot. He is the God of man and His compassion is equal for the red man and the white. This earth is precious to Him and to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its Creator. The whites too shall pass; perhaps sooner than all other tribes. Continue to contaminate your bed and you will one night suffocate in your own waste.

But in your perishing you will shine brightly, fired by the strength of the God who brought you to this land and for some special purpose gave you dominion over this land and over the red man. That destiny is a mystery to us, for we do not understand when the buffalo are all slaughtered, the wild horses are tamed, the secret corners of the forest heavy with the scent of many men and the view of the ripe hills blotted by talking wires.

Where is the thicket? Gone. Where is the eagle? Gone. And what is to say goodbye to the swift pony and the hunt? The end of living and the beginning of survival.

So we will consider your offer to buy our land. If we agree it will be to secure the reservation you have promised. There, perhaps, we may live out our brief days as we wish. When the last red man has vanished from this earth, and his memory is only the shadow of a cloud moving across the prairie, these shores and forests will still hold the spirits of my people. For they love this earth as the new-born loves its mother's heartbeat. So if we sell you our land, love it as we have loved it. Care for it as we've cared for it. Hold in your mind the memory of the land as it is when you take it. And with all your strength, with all your mind, with all your heart, preserve it for your children and love it...as God loves us all.

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H. W. Easterling
Pt, Co. B, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.
Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for Jan + Feb, 186 4
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When May 3, 186 3
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By whom W. T. Baylis
Period 3 yrs.
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By whom W. T. Baylis
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Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
for June 30 to Oct 31, 186 3
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Henry W. Easterling
Pvt, Co. *B*, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.

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Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *Nov & Dec*, 1862.

Enlisted:

When *May 3*, 1862.

Where *Perry Co. Miss.*

By whom *W. T. Baylis*.

Period *3 yrs*.

Last paid:

By whom

To what time, 1862.

Present or absent *Absent*

Remarks: *Sent to hospital.*

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E | *Confederate* | *7* Battalion. | *Miss.*

H. W. Easterling
Pvt, Co. *B*, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *Sept & Oct*, 1862.

Enlisted:

When *May 3*, 1862.

Where *Perry Co. Miss.*

By whom *W. T. Baylis*.

Period *3 yrs*.

Last paid:

By whom

To what time, 1862.

Present or absent *Absent*

Remarks: *Sick at hospital.*

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Henry W. Easterling
Pvt, Co. *B*, 7 Batt'n Mississippi Vols.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *May 12 to Aug 31*, 1862.

Enlisted:

When *May 3*, 1862.

Where *Perry Co. Miss.*

By whom *W. T. Baylis*.

Period *3 yrs*.

Last paid:

By whom

To what time, 1862.

Present or absent *Present*

Remarks:

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H. W. Easterling
Pvt, { *Capt. W. T. Baylis' Company,*
7 Batt'n Mississippi Volunteers.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

for *dated May 13*, 1862.

Enrolled:

When *May 10*, 1862.

Where *Perry Co.*

By whom *W. T. Baylis*.

Mustered into service:

When, 1862.

Where

By whom

Last paid:

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VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, JULY..... 1863.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, KNOW YE THAT:

I *Henry W Easterling* a *Private* of Co. *B7* Reg't *Batt Miss*
Vols., C. S. A., being a prisoner of War, in the hands of the United States Forces, in virtue
of the capitulation of the City of Vicksburg and its Garrison, by Lieut. Gen. John C. Pem-
berton, C. S. A., Commanding, on the 4th day of July, 1863, do in pursuance of the terms
of said capitulation, give this my solemn parole under oath—

That I will not take up arms again against the United States, nor serve in any military
police or constabulary force in any Fort, garrison or field work, held by the Confederate
States of America, against the United States of America, nor as guard of prisons, depots or
stores, nor discharge any duties usually performed by Officers or soldiers, against the United
States of America, until duly exchanged by the proper authorities.

Henry W Easterling

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Vicksburg, Miss., this *1* day of July, 1863.

7 *W. C.* *Proctor* Capt *45th* Reg't *Les* Vols,
AND PAROLING OFFICER.

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MRS. ARCHIE PICKERING
ROUTE 4
COLLINS, MISSISSIPPI

DEAR MRS. PICKERING:

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FAMILY HISTORY AND HAVE DONE WORK ON SEVERAL MISSISSIPPI FAMILIES, AMONG WHOM ARE THE McDONALDS. JANET SMITH OF LUCEDALE REPORTS THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR NOTES DATA TO THE EFFECT THAT MARY McDONALD MARRIED HENRY W. EASTERLING.

I AM WORKING THE EASTERLING FAMILY -- TRYING TO SORT OUT AND ORGANIZE THE VARIOUS BRANCHES AND GROUPS ACROSS THE SOUTH. I AM WONDERING IF YOU HAVE FOLLOWED UP THE DESCENDANTS OF MARY McDONALD EASTERLING AND CAN TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT THEM. FROM CENSUS RECORDS I HAVE FOUND FOUR CHILDREN:

JOHN CALVIN	BORN 1857	M. SUSAN DEES
WILLIAM A.	BORN CA 1859	
ALBERT	BORN CA 1861	
MARY A.R.	BORN CA 1867	

CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING MORE -- WHO THEY MARRIED; NAMES OF THEIR CHILDREN; WHEN DIED; WHERE LIVED; HOW TO CONTACT PRESENT-DAY DESCENDANTS; ETC. SO THAT I CAN FILL IN A COUPLE MORE OF THE EMPTY SPOTS ON THIS FAMILY GROUP SHEET I AM WONDERING IF YOU KNOW THE NAMES OF MARY McDONALD'S PARENTS.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE AND HOPING TO HEAR, I AM

SINCERELY,

Roy White

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DEAR MRS. PICKERING:

YOUR WELCOME LETTER ARRIVED SEVERAL DAYS AGO AND I WAS REALLY GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. YOUR LETTER HAD A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT I DIDN'T HAVE.

AS IT HAPPENS, I DESCEND FROM ANOTHER FAMILY OF EASTERLING'S -- NOT HENRY W. AND HIS WIFE MARY McDONALD -- BUT I AM RELATED, DISTANTLY, I AM TRYING TO COLLECT ANY AND ALL EASTERLING INFORMATION THAT I CAN ROUND UP -- HOPING TO UNRAVEL AS MANY OF THE SOUTHERN EASTERLING FAMILIES AS I CAN.

I WONDER IF YOU WOULD LOOK OVER THE ENCLOSED FAMILY GROUP SHEETS AND SEE IF YOU CAN ADD ANY INFORMATION -- SURE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

ABOUT THE EARLY McDONALD FAMILY -- THE CHILDREN OF ANGUS (1769-1861). I AM CURIOUS ABOUT ALEXANDER S. McDONALD WHO DIED 21 MARCH 1856 IN MISSISSIPPI. WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT HIS FAMILY. JOHN NEVILLE EASTERLING WHO DIED IN 1834, RANKING COUNTY, MISS., MARRIED NANCY McDONALD AND THEIR OLDEST SON WAS NAMED "ALEXANDER". FURTHERMORE, ONE ALEXANDER McDONALD WAS APPOINTED AS AN ADMINISTRATOR OF JOHN N. EASTERLING'S ESTATE. COULD NANCY BE A DAUGHTER OF ALEXANDER?? IF SO, WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THAT FAMILY -- THE FAMILY OF NANCY McDONALD EASTERLING. I HAVE TRACKED HER AND SOME OF HER CHILDREN TO SCOTT COUNTY, MISS. IN THE 1880 CENSUS; AND ONE OF HER SONS WENT TO SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS WHERE HE MARRIED HIS FIRST-COUSIN.

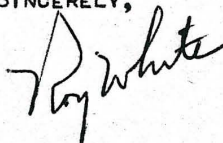
AS FOR MY OWN LINES, I ASSUME YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE ONES THAT COME THRU MISSISSIPPI. THEY ARE SEVERAL -- INCLUDING BRIDGES, ALLEN, THOMPSON, JONES, EASTERLING, BANKSTON, HAMBRICK. IN ADDITION I HAVE STRONG REASON TO BELIEVE I AM RELATED TO ERVIN, BARNES & VANZANDT FAMILIES OF MISSISSIPPI. I AM ALSO RELATED TO THE ROGERS OF COLLINS, MISS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE FAMILIES LET ME KNOW AND I WILL TRY TO FILL YOU IN WITH WHAT I HAVE -- SOME OF THE DATA I HAVE IS RATHER SPARSE BUT YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME. THE BRIDGES WERE IN PIKE & SIMPSON COS; THE ALLEN IN HINDS & SIMPSON; THE THOMPSON IN PIKE & SIMPSON; THE JONES IN HINDS; THE EASTERLING IN RANKIN; THE BANKSTON (MARRIED THE HAMBRICK); THE HAMBRICK IN RANKIN; THE ERVIN IN HINDS; THE BARNES IN MARION; THE VANZANDT IN SIMPSON; THE ROGERS IN COVINGTON (MY OWN BRANCH WAS IN EAST FELICIANA, LA.) AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT THE THOMPSON WAS IN MARION & SIMPSON INSTEAD OF PIKE COUNTY.

SORRY ABOUT THE PAGE BEING TORN -- IT GOT CAUGHT IN THE TYPEWRITER.

MRS. PICKERING, I SURE DO THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY LETTER AND I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN.

SINCERELY,



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DEAR MRS. PICKERING:

THE GROUP SHEETS ARRIVED A DAY OR SO AGO AND I REALLY DO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING IN THE ADDED INFORMATION. NO TELLING HOW I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THIS IF NOT FOR YOU.

NONE OF YOUR OTHER LINES ARE IN ANY OF MY FAMILIES, THAT I KNOW OF AT PRESENT, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF HERRIN. I DO HAVE A HERRON LINE ABOUT WHICH I KNOW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. ALL I KNOW IS THAT ONE ELIZABETH HERRON MARRIED MY ANCESTOR THOMAS GREEN DICKSON, PROBABLY IN GEORGIA. I DO NOT KNOW THEIR AGES BUT THEIR DAUGHTER, NANCY HERRON DICKSON WAS BORN IN DEC. 1825 SO THAT GOES BACK QUITE A WAYS. MAY I REFER YOU TO MILTON E. HERRON, HERRON HILL, ORONOCO, MINNESOTA, 55960 WHO IS APPARENTLY COLLECTING INFORMATION ON ALL FAMILIES OF THE NAME.

THEN THE AULTMAN FAMILY HAS MARRIED INTO THE EASTERLING FAMILY -- A DIFFERENT BRANCH FROM MY OWN. I HAVE CORRESPONDED WITH MR. BRUCE C. AULTMAN, ATTORNEY, OF P.O. BOX 750; HATTIESBURG, MISS. 39401 IN CONNECTION WITH HIS EASTERLING CONNECTION. PERHAPS HE CAN HELP YOU WITH THE AULTMAN OR REFER YOU TO SOME MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY.

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT TELLING YOU ABOUT MY OWN EASTERLING CONNECTION AS I DID NOT REALIZE YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED SINCE IT IS NOT TIED IN WITH THE McDONALD. I GO BACK TO THE REV. HENRY EASTERLING (1733-1800) OF MAROBORO DIST., S.C. REV. HENRY'S SON SHADRACH AND HIS SECOND WIFE NANCY BENNETT MIGRATED TO RANKIN COUNTY, MISS., SOMETIME BEFORE 1830. THEIR CHILDREN WERE WILLIAM BENNETT; CHARLOTTE BRIGHT; JOHN NEVILLE; ELIZABETH ODOM; NANCY MCBRIDE; SHADRACH H.; SARAH BRIGHT; JOEL THOMAS; RACHEL DICKSON/ ALLEN/MANGUM; & MARY JANE MANGUM. I DESCEND FROM JOEL THOMAS AND HIS WIFE EDITH HAMBRICK, THRU THEIR DAUGHTER RACHEL WHO MARRIED JAMES E. ALLEN, THRU THEIR DAUGHTER EMMA WHO MARRIED DANIEL EPHRAIM BRIDGES WHO MIGRATED TO TEXAS ABOUT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. MY OWN BRANCH LIVED IN S.W. RANKIN COUNTIES AND IN WESTERN SIMPSON AND EXTREME EASTERN COPIAH COUNTIES. SOME OF THESE CHILDREN WENT TO S.W. ARKANSAS VIA NORTHERN LA.

HENRY W. EASTERLING WHO MARRIED MARY McDONALD WAS A SON OF JOHN EASTERLING AND WIFE ELIZABETH. JOHN WAS A SON OF HENRY EASTERLING AND WIFE MARGARET LARD. HENRY WAS A SON OF REV. HENRY EASTERLING (1733-1800).

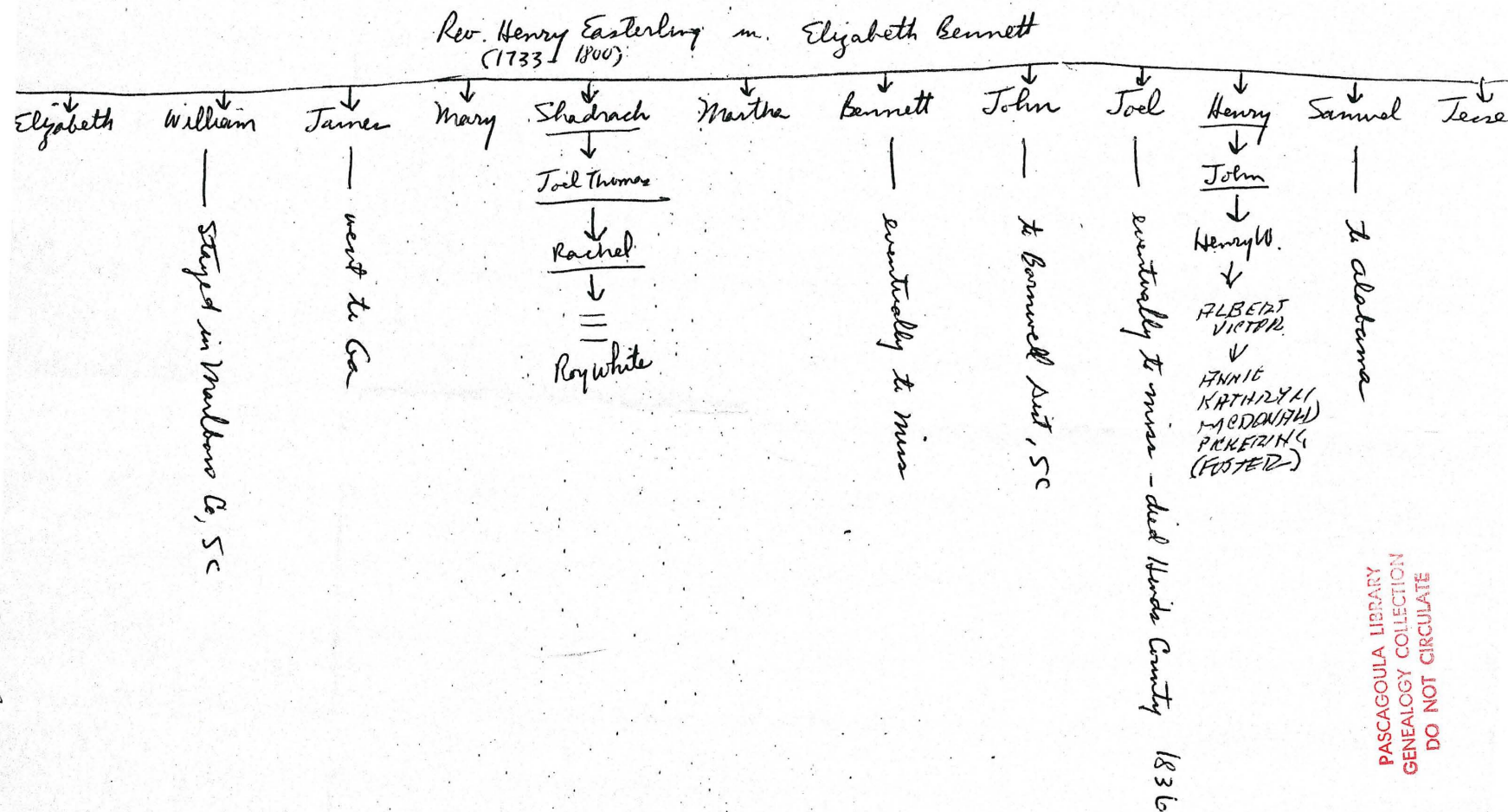
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SINCERELY,

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ROY WHITE

5022 MOOR DALE LANE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84117
23 FEB 1975

DEAR MRS. PICKERING;

A LITTLE OVER THREE YEARS AGO WE CORRESPONDED AND YOU GAVE ME SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAMILY OF McDONALD, MARY WHO MARRIED HENRY EASTERLING. I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED HAVING KNOWN ONE MRS. D.L.O. MANNING, A DESCENDANT OF THIS HENRY AND MARY.

I AM WONDERING IF YOU CAN PUT ME IN TOUCH WITH ONE OR MORE OF HENRY AND MARY'S DESCENDANTS WHO MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HENRY'S BROTHERS. YOU MENTIONED BEFORE THAT HENRY HAD BROTHERS BEN AND ANDY. I AM SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT HAPPENED TO HENRY'S BROTHER JOHN, WHO I THINK TO HAVE MARRIED ONE SAMANTHA LEE. JOHN AND SAMANTHA APPARENTLY SEPARATED SOON AFTERWARDS AND THEN SAMANTHA AND THEIR LITTLE DAUGHTER RACHEL WENT TO LIVE WITH THE LEE FAMILY. MY PROBLEM IS THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF "JOHN" INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO MARRIED HER AND I AM TRYING TO ELIMINATE ONE OR THE OTHER (OR MAYBE BOTH?).

HOPING YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REFER ME TO SOMEONE, I REMAIN

SINCERELY,

Roy White

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ROY WHITE
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17 JAN 1985

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT I DON'T OWE YOU ANY MONEY SINCE ALL OF MY BILLS ARE PAID, OR
CURRENT, SO I SEE NO REASON NOT TO CORRESPOND WITH YOU -- BUT CAN YOU GIVE ME A
HINT (ABOUT WHAT)?

Roy White

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P.O. Box 608
Marianna, FL 32446
August 28, 1981

Dear Mrs. Pickering,

I was very happy to talk with someone who may know more about the family research that I am involved in. My father retired about a year ago & he has kept me busy! It is really exciting to find out additional information.

Andrew James Easterling (Andy), brother of Henry W. Easterling, was my great-great grandfather. I have the copies of the Easterling research that Roy White did in 1971. That is where I found your name.

Do you know anyone who has Easterling pictures or other information? I also have nothing about the Anderson family.

Anguish McGilvary who married Alice Morgan was my great great grandfather. We believe his father to have been

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Daniel McGilvary - born Jan. 1, 1814
died Aug. 4, 1895

married 1st Catherine McDonald b. 1825
d. 1882 ?

2nd Pheby

b. Sept 23, 1820
d. Dec. 22, 1903

Also in the family cemetery
Polly McCloud, wife of Alexander McGilvary
is buried. (Born ^{Polly} 1790 Died 1860) (McCloud? or McLeod?)

I have no other information re: the
McGilvays or McDonalds. I have read
many articles re: General Alexander
McGilvary, son of Lachlan McGilvary from
Scotland & a Creek woman whose father
was a French soldier. I have not been
able to tie our McGilvary line with
these in the history books; however, the
names are the same.

I see that your line is the McDonald

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line so hopefully you will have
some answers!

I do wish I could come & talk
with you. I will anxiously wait
to receive your letter.

Thank you for your assistance. Any help
in any line will be most appreciated.
I will gladly pay for any copies.

Sincerely,

Janet Harms

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ROY WHITE
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4 MAR 1985

DEAR MR. PICKERING:

AM SENDING ALONG COPIES OF SOME GROUP-SHEETS PERTAINING TO THE ONES YOU HAD PREVIOUSLY SENT WANTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. I HOPE THIS IS THE SORT OF THING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR. YOU WILL NOTE THAT YOUR WIFE AND I COLLABORATED ON SOME OF THEM (I KNEW YOUR NAME WAS FAMILIAR TO ME.).

I SUGGEST THAT YOU ALSO CONTACT

LES EASTERLING
ROUTE 3, BOX 81
WESSON, MISSISSIPPI 39191

LES AND OTHERS HAVE ORGANIZED RECENTLY AN ORGANIZATION, "EASTERLING FAMILY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.", AND HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED. I BELIEVE HE COMES DOWN OUT OF JOHN (1808) AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH (WHO, BY THE WAY, IS NOW THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN A GRANTHAM).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPLIMENT ABOUT OWING ME A LOT. I HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN EASTERLING RESEARCH FOR QUITE SOME TIME (EXCEPT TO OCCASIONALLY HELP OUT SOMEBODY SUCH AS YOURSELF), BUT WHEN I WAS I DID MANAGE TO COLLECT A LOT OF INFORMATION, ETC. AND, IN THE PROCESS, THINK I DID HELP A LOT OF PEOPLE. IT WAS FUN AND INTERESTING.

I BELIEVE LES WILL BE OF GREAT HELP TO YOU BECAUSE HE SEEMS TO BE COLLECTING A LOT OF FAMILY-INTEREST TYPE OF INFORMATION THAT WOULD GO WELL IN A BOOK SETTING. I MOSTLY WAS INTERESTED IN THE GENEALOGY OF THE VARIOUS SITUATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR SENDING ALONG THE CASH, OF WHICH I WILL KEEP ONLY ENOUGH TO PAY FOR POSTAGE AND COPIES. I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, BUT I COPIED THE GROUP-SHEETS YOU SENT TO HAVE FOR MY OWN FILES.

UNFORTUNATELY, I AM UNABLE TO HELP WITH THE McDONALD SHEETS.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR HISTORY, AND WISH YOUR WIFE WELL FOR ME. IT WAS QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO THAT WE CORRESPONDED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Roy White

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Lillie Easterling

Lillie Easterling is the circulation supervisor for the Pascagoula Public Library. She is in charge of all the books and DVDs that are circulated to and from the Pascagoula branch to other branches in the Jackson-George Regional Library Sys-

tem. Lillie says, "I've always loved books and I love people too, so it's an ideal job for me." She reads everything, but her favorites are mysteries and biographies. Lillie was born in Hattiesburg, but has lived all over the country. She was a teacher for 14

years in California before moving to Gautier, where she has been for 15 years. Lillie loves nature and has volunteered at the Mississippi Sandhill Crane Refuge. She is an avid birdwatcher and always brings her binoculars on vacation to watch birds.

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BRIEFS

Man shot in FEMA park

PASCAGOULA — A man who was shot in a FEMA trailer park in Pascagoula Wednesday night was in stable condition at Singing River Hospital Thursday.

A possible suspect has been interviewed, but no arrests had been made by Thursday afternoon, Lt. Paul Leonard said.

At 8:47 p.m., Sgt. Dale Gordon met with LaKeisha Polk, 27, who lives on lot No. 57 at the 3600 Jefferson St. FEMA park.

The victim, Lorenzo Brown, 25, a resident on lot No. 60 at the 4791 Lane

at 8 a.m. by a member of the Krewe of Tri-Cities. All people participating in the River Run must turn in their tickets by 5 p.m. Saturday at Indian Point.

Tickets may be purchased at any of the above listed marinas or by contacting Rhonda Richardson at (228) 769-6928 or (228) 217-6928.

Sutherland to speak at Pas Forward luncheon

PASCAGOULA — Bebe Sutherland, a candidate for Jackson County chancery clerk, will be the

unseaworthy and propelled by makeshift sails and rudders.

On board the two ships were 234 Haitian immigrants.

The press release states the immigrants were without lifeboats and had minimal food supplies.

The Decisive also encountered a third Haitian boat. The third boat contained just fewer than 200 immigrants.

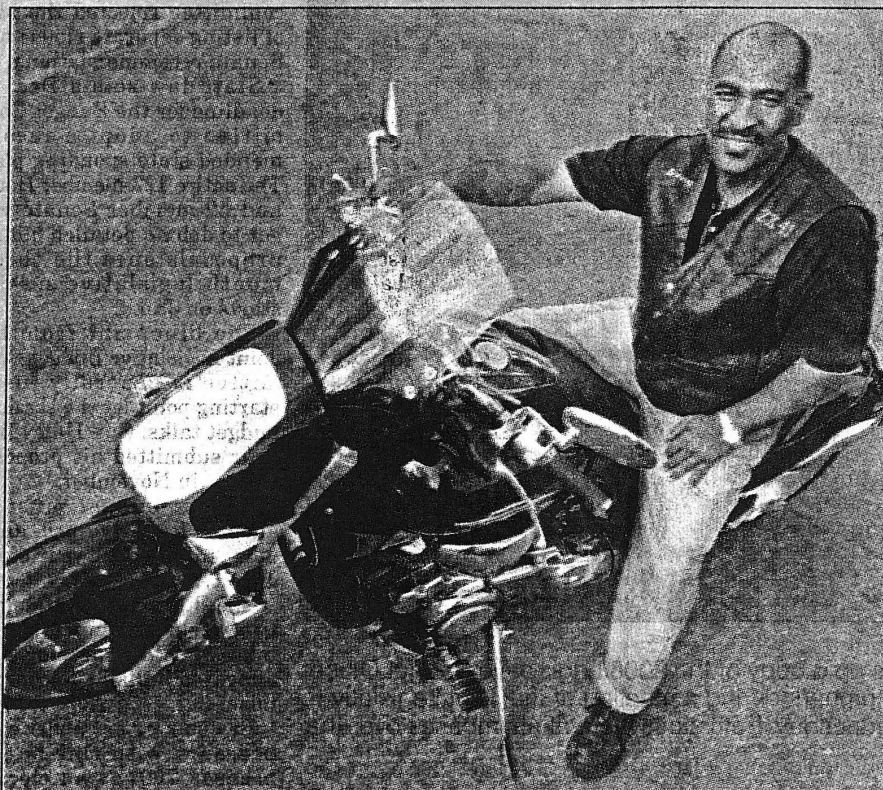
In total, the Decisive repatriated 429 Haitian immigrants from boats it interdicted.

The ship also assisted in

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Bennie Easterling


Bennie Easterling is a chemist for the Degussa Corp. by trade, but his passion is riding his motorcycle as the vice president of the Coast Red Liners motorcycle club. Easterling says he

was always fascinated by bikes as a kid and then 20 years ago fell in love with them after test riding a friend's motorcycle. Bennie says he loves the freedom of riding and that "It's a good way to meet

people and a great way to hang out with friends." Bennie was born in Mount Olive, Miss., but has lived in Moss Point for the past 30 years, with his wife, Evon, and their four children.

Simpson County News 5-18

**In honor of
the 50th
Wedding
Anniversary
of
Ralph and
Cora Lee
Easterling,
their children
and
grandchildren
request the
pleasure of
your company at their celebration
Sunday, May 28, 1995,
from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.
in their home on 540-2,
off Highway 18, west of Raleigh, MS**



■ BILOXI — Juanita Nadalich Pylate Easterling, 84, died Saturday, June 29, 1996, in Biloxi.

Mrs. Easterling was a lifelong resident of Biloxi. She was a member of the V.F.W. Post No. 2434, Women's Auxiliary. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Biloxi.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Alton Pylate Sr.; two brothers, Francis Nadalich and George Milian; and a sister, Emma Covacevich.

Survivors include her husband, Lamar W. Easterling; two daughters, Gloria Garrett, both of Biloxi, and Shirley Covacevich; a son, James A. Pylate Jr., all of Ocean Springs; a stepson, Henry D. Easterling of Pass Christian; a sister, Ida Mae Misko of Biloxi; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

A service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, where friends may call two hours before service time. Burial will be in Biloxi City Cemetery.

Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Howard Avenue, Biloxi, is in charge of arrangements.

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6F - The Clarion-Ledger / Jackson Daily News

Sunday, December 1, 1985

...R. Lile Easterling, 1408 S. Hervey St., Hope, Ark. 71801, Writes: "Shadrack H. Easterling and his second wife, Mary McBride, had a son, Daniel Shadrack Easterling, born Sept. 27, 1850, in Union Parish, Louisiana. Shadrack H. Easterling died there in 1851. At the time of his death, his children were Daniel S., age about 1 year, Mahala, age about 5 years, and Spencer Henry Easterling age more than 20 years. The oldest child was probably the son of Shadrack and a former wife. After Shadrack's death Spencer Henry is not found in records of Union Parish, Louisiana. In the 1860 Simpson County census, a Henry Easterling, age 30, and his wife, possibly Lucinda, age 17, are listed in the household of William Bennett Easterling, brother of Shadrack H. Easterling. Is this the same Spencer Henry listed in a deed from William B. Easterling to Spencer H. Easterling in 1840 in Farmerville, La.? Did he go back to Mississippi to live with his uncle after his father died?

Send your queries to Family Trees,
P.O. Box 387, Louisville 39339.

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Lillie Easterling Obituary: Lillie Easterling's Obituary by the Mississippi Press.

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Lillie Easterling

EASTERLING Lillie Easterling age 71, of Gautier, MS passed away April 19, 2011 in Gautier. Lillie was born on May 17, 1939 in Hattiesburg, MS. Her many passions were enjoying working for the Pascagoula City Library, Pascagoula Art Depot and Bright Homes. She loved bird watching, the out-doors, boating and enter-taining her family and friends.. She was a proud participant of the National Audubon Society. She was preceded in death by her son David Ariss, and her parents William and Katherine Easterling. She is survived by her daughter Katherine (Dave) Amick of Woodstock, GA, her sister Mary Jo King of Gulfport, MS, her daughter-in-law Andrea Ariss, her dearest friend Charley Delmas both of Gautier, MS. She also survived by her grandchildren Benjamin Wiley, Emerson Lillie. A celebration of Life service for Lillie will be Thursday April 21st, 2:00 PM at St Johns Episcopal Church in Pascagoula, MS with Father Dennis Ryan officiating. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to be made to the St. Johns Episcopal Church Outreach Program 3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39581. Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may view and sign an online register book for Lillie at www.heritagefuneralhome.us

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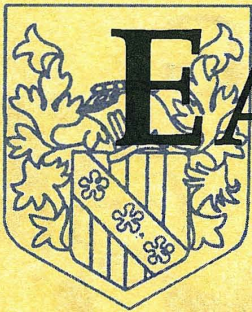
A forth-coming publication - fully indexed and with collateral lines.

The principal authors of the history are all Easterlings, or within the bloodline. They are Letson E. Easterling, Sr., Henry W. Easterling, Jr., Larry Jones, Harold Morgan, Nolan Hensarling, R. Lyle Easterling and George R. Easterling. The book is edited by Letson E. Easterling, Jr.

In addition to the authors, the list of contributors numbers in the hundreds and space does not permit a listing of each of them. However, to name a few, they are: Roy White, Lanette Faulk, Josephine Easterlin, Thomas Easterling, Lamar McDonald, George R. Easterling, George J. Easterling, Julius Easterling, Alfred Rhodes, Julia Saffell, Ginger Powers, Benton Cox, Jr., Grace Collins, Henry B. Easterling, Dr. Melvin Goodrich, Albert E. Easterling, Jr., Margaret B. Easterling, Ralph Easterling, Janet Smith, Paul Easterling, Scott Peeler, James Ray Easterling, Keith Fairly, Henrietta Smith, Ailene Easterling, Minnie Alderman, May Helen Robertson, Violet Kerch, Glen Deas, Rev. Pat N. Easterling, Vida Sawyer, Billy Joe Easterling, William Platt, Richard Easterling, Lisa Barkley Easterling, Emma Easterling, Julian W. Fagan, Jr. and many others.

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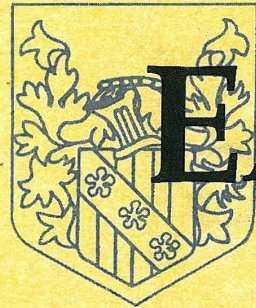


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At long last, a history of our ancestors and present day families in publication.



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The members of the Easterling Family Genealogical Society are proud to announce the forth-coming publication of "The History Of The Easterling Family".

This book is the first ever, comprehensive and documented history to be written of our Easterling Family, and traces, with detail, our ancestors from their earliest known beginnings up to the present.

It is not a listing of addresses of Easterlings.



Asa and Mildred Odom Easterling circa 1870

The information contained within this book is the result of extensive genealogical research, and in some areas, spans a period of over 50-years.



St. Olave's Church and Churchyard circa 1670. Located in London, Easterlings attended this church in the early 17th century.

It is the result of the combined and coordinated effort of hundreds of Easterlings who have unselfishly shared their own individual knowledge and personal histories... it is the result of family researchers gleaming over every federal census, for every state... it is the result of writing thousands of letters, traveling thousands of miles, and literally, spending unimaginably hundreds of thousands of hours of dedication, effort and work.

The writing of this history was approved by the society membership, upon recommendation of the board of directors, over five years ago. This approval was necessary because the genealogical information used to write such a history was derived from the member-owned repository.

It has taken the authors almost five years to complete this history.

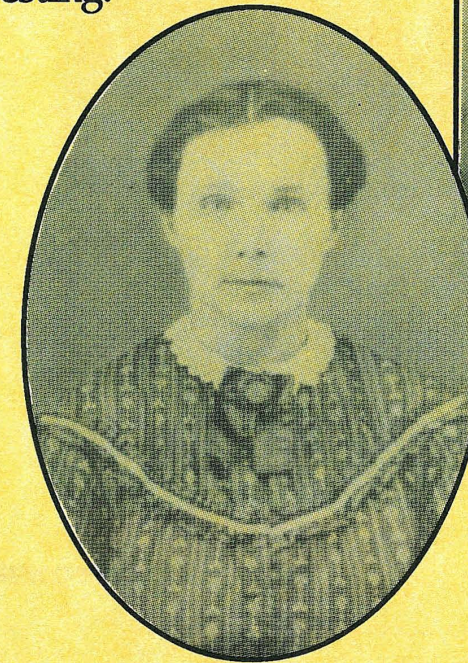
Although individual lineages form the bulk of the history, it is written in such a manner and style that proves to be both informative and yet, extremely interesting.

The Book Itself...

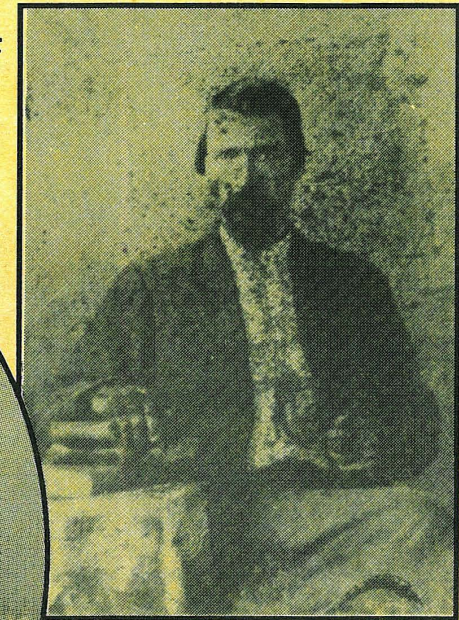
"The History Of The Easterling Family" is comprised of over 1200 pages, written within 37-chapters. There is an index listing over 20,000 names. The book accurately presents our European and American origins, from about 800 A.D. up to the present.

The genealogies of Rev. Henry Easterling (1733-1800), Thomas Easterling (ca 1750-1815) and other Easterling families of unknown origin, are detailed. An easy-to-read numbering system is used to enable family members to identify and trace their own individual lineages.

An added feature is a listing of family reunions and the addresses of key persons to contact for further information.



Margaret Easterling Hensarling circa 1870.



James A. Easterling, circa 1868.

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Unique Features Of The Book...

The book will prove to be unique in several aspects:

1. Additional up-dated printings are planned. The book contains all of the Easterling bloodlines known to the Society, but some of the lines are incomplete because of the lack of information about them. After publication, the effort will continue to have family members submit their own individual lineages and information for inclusion in future up-dated editions.
2. Individuals who purchase a book, and are within the bloodline of the Easterling family, will also be encouraged to become affiliated with the Easterling Family Genealogical Society.
3. As mentioned previously, the information used in the writing of this history was extracted from the member-owned repository of the society.
4. The copyright and all privileges are to be granted and issued in the name of the society. None of the authors have any financial interest in this history, and none of the officers, members of the board of directors, or members, may receive any payment for services rendered by the Society. Their dedication of work to this book has been done in the interest of our Easterling family and the desire to have, at long last, a history of our ancestors and present day families in publication.
5. The Easterling Family Genealogical Society, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the compilation, preservation and dissemination of genealogical information related to the Easterling bloodline.
6. The dominant collateral lines included are: Jones, Moree, Hensarling, Simmons, Smith, Thomas, Allen, Brown, Elam, O'Neal, Williams, Alderman, Johnson, Rogers, and Peterson.

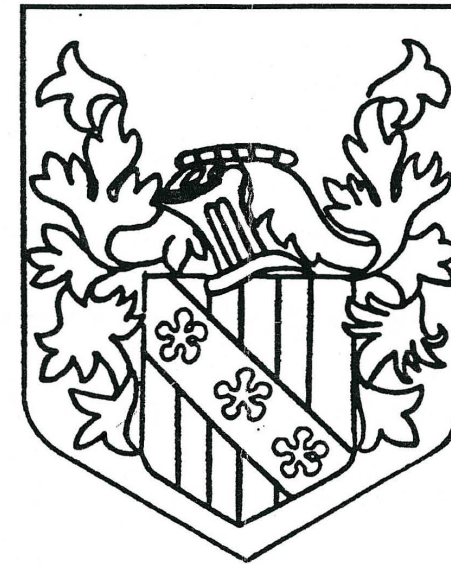
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A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE CONTENTS
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What follows is a very brief outline of the book written on the history of our family. Before it's publication, scheduled to begin May 1, 1990, there may be a few minor changes in the contents, such as the addition of the PETERSON line, but none are expected of great significance.

- Part I - General Observations and Comments
- Part II - European and American Origins
- Part III - Presentation of Genealogies

- Descendants of Rev. Henry Easterling
- Descendants of William Easterling
- Descendants of James Easterling
- Descendants of Ann Easterling
- Descendants of Lourania O'Neal
- Descendants of Henry O'Neal
- Descendants of Joel Harrison Easterling
- Descendants of Shadrack Easterling
- Descendants of Captain Henry Easterling
- Descendants of John Neville Easterling
- Descendants of Shadrack H. Easterling
- Descendants of Henry Easterling
- Descendants of Margaret Elizabeth Easterling
- Descendants of Martha Easterling
- Descendants of John Louis Hensarling

- Part IV - Thomas Easterling of Russel County, VA
 - Descendants of Henry Easterling
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 - Descendants of Thomas Easterling, Jr.
 - Descendants of James Easterling
 - Descendants of Sarah Easterling
 - Descendants of Nancy Jane Easterling
 - Descendants of Silas Easterling

- Part V - Other Easterling Families in the United States

Somewhere among these genealogies, as many as 85% of all Easterlings in the United States can expect to find, and identify with, one of these families.

SPECIAL THANKS TO SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE

Except that a family member has been directly involved in the writing, and preparatory work related to publication, it is considered to be almost impossible to imagine, or comprehend, the tremendous amount of time, energy and effort that has been applied to these tasks. The first of these, (the writing,) was difficult, to say the least, although in honesty it can be said that there was little, if any, pressure involved. **Not so with the publication!**

The original manuscript was first entered onto twelve (12) computer diskettes, and afterwards, the entire manuscript was placed onto only one. It sounds simple enough to one who has knowledge of such things, but this was not the case. A particular computer program, **Word-Perfect**, was used throughout the entire process, and it was only after the fact that some specific limitations of the program surfaced. These limitations were such as to possibly have delayed the entire project. A considerable number of contacts were made with the company that wrote, and marketed the program...none of these computer program writers could offer a solution.

In dire need of help, the Society turned to one of it's own...Glen Deas...for assistance. To shorten a very long story, Glen accepted the challenge and within a matter of a couple of days was able to write a separate program to solve the problem and salvage the tremendous amount of work that had been done. You will know that not only is Glen a computer "whiz", but also a very interested and dedicated family member.

A very special thanks is also extended to Bennett Peterson and Nolan Hensarling, both of whom rode the waves during this stormy period.

It should be mentioned also, without intent to slight other contributors to this final stage of the project, that Nolan and Bennett have accepted the awesome task of walking the book through it's final stages. The final decisions specific to publication are vested in them...preparation of specifications for bidding, selection of material, who does what and how much, times and dates are but a few of the myriad responsibilities involved in this task. Most will never know, or realize, just how much dedication and love of family it requires for them, and others like Glen and Henry W., to do what they have done.

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SOME FINAL COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION
OF OUR
FAMILY HISTORY

By now, each of you will have received sufficient information about this book to enable you to fully understand and appreciate it's significant and intrinsic value to our family. So few families, of whom this writer has knowledge, are fortunate enough to have as many of it's members with as much interest, enthusiasm and talent to accomplish a task of this scope...much less the unselfish desire and willingness to even start. Albeit true that some were responsible for providing considerable amounts of material for the book, it should be noted and so recorded for posterity, that this project would have never succeeded, or even started, were it not for hundreds of our family that responded with equal vigor and enthusiasm. It has been the individual members of the Society that have made this book possible. Overwhelmingly, the contents of this book are the genealogies of our present day families and the material that each of these devoted members provided which encompassed the time frame of their past generations. This specific type of material cannot be "researched"...it can only be obtained from family members who care, and who are interested enough to share!

If by chance, somewhere along this journey, just one single member of our family has been, unintentionally, made to feel that they were not an important and instrumental contributor to this project, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. May it be stated, and always remembered, that from the very first beginning this has been a "total family" effort, and so it shall be until it's conclusion! Thank you...each and all.

PLEASE NOTE AND REMEMBER

The processes for publication are scheduled to commence May 1, 1990. If you have not submitted your order, please do so as quickly as possible. Orders must be post marked prior to May 1, 1990 to purchase a book at the **pre-publication** cost. If you are financially able to "sponsor" the publication of one, or more book(s), please return the "sponsor form" as soon as possible.

Lastly, a little prayer from each of you would help...

ASA
BENJAMIN
EASTERLING



MATILDA
ROSS
EASTERLING

Most of you will recognize this picture...it was one of the three that appeared in the promotional brochure that all of you should have received.

The identity was shown as Asa Benjamin EASTERLING and his wife, Mildred ODOM.

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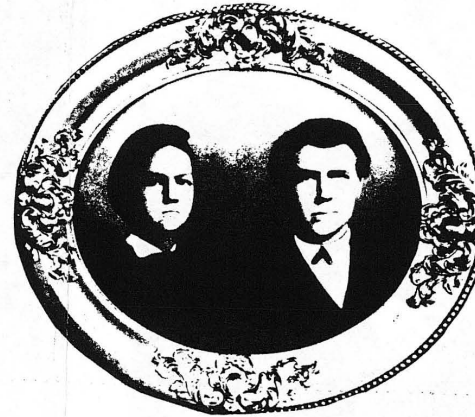
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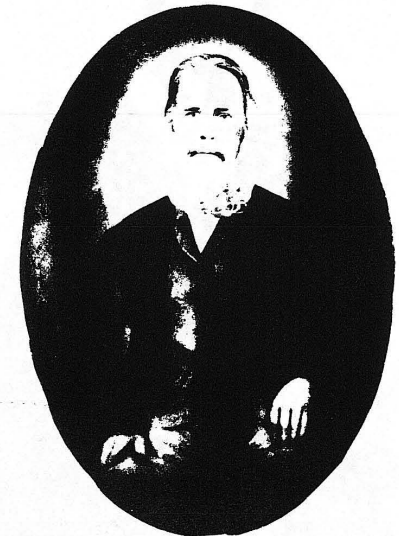
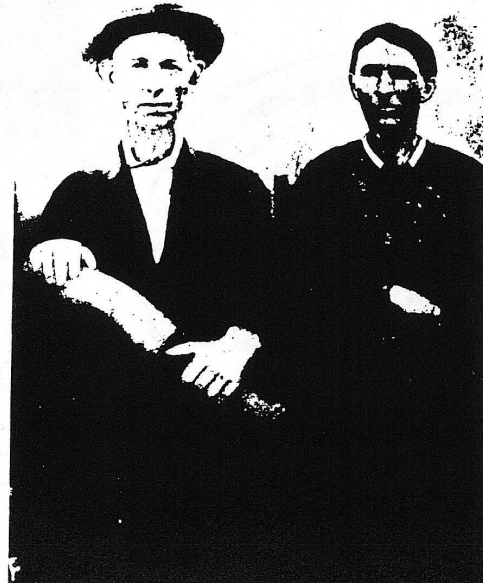
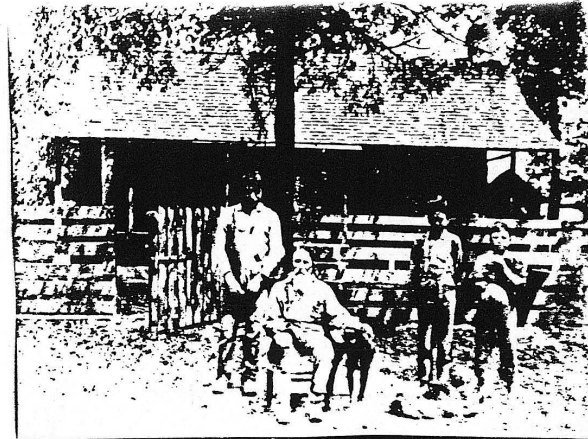


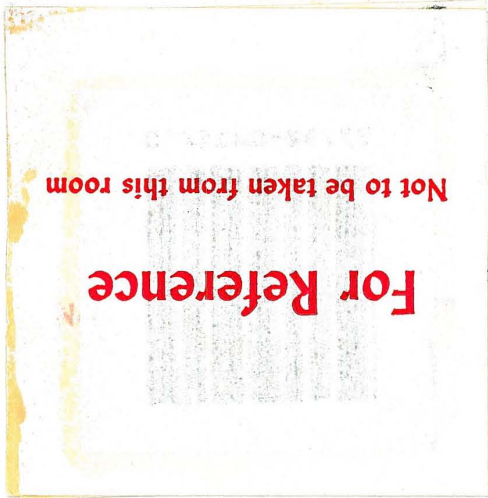
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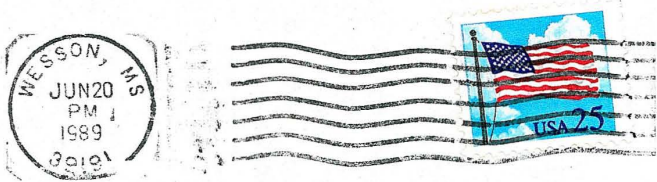
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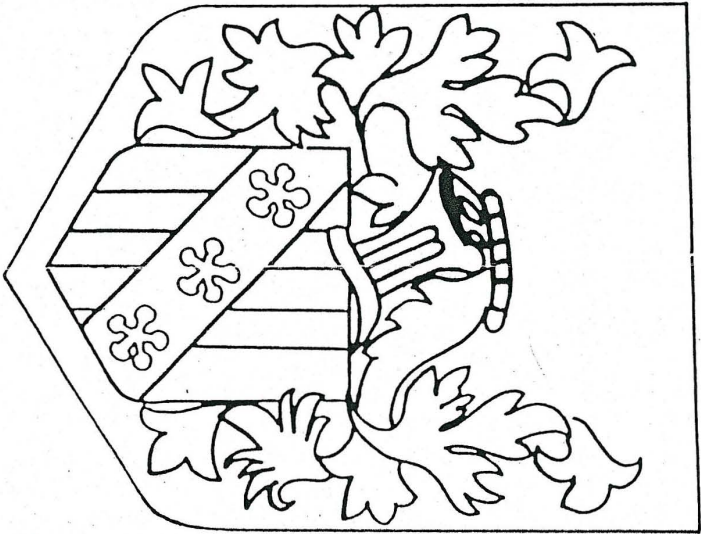


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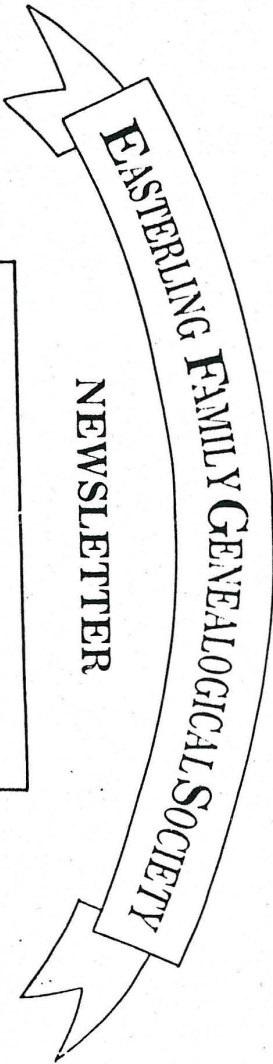
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probably will laugh and cry, with tears.

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MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Lodging accommodations have been arranged with Days Inn in Laurel, MS. A block of rooms have been placed in reservation for out of town members and at a special rate of \$31.00 per night...single or double. There are a limited number of rooms equipped with king-size beds that may be reserved on a first-come basis at the same price.

The motel is quite adequate with an adjoining restaurant. It is located at the junction of Hw 11 N and I 55 N, just outside the city limits of Laurel.

You may use the enclosed reservation form to arrange for your accommodations or call the motel direct...601-428-8421. Either way, make sure you inform the clerk that you are attending the EFGS reunion.

DO YOU PLAN ON FLYING TO LAUREL?

For out of town guests who plan on airline passage to Laurel, the town is served by a Hattiesburg/Laurel Airport. Please advise the Society of your plans to fly and your time of arrival. The Society will ensure that someone meets you with transportation...commercial (taxi) fare is quite expensive and this is something that we would like to do for those who are flying in.

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the young brother left his house and family, never to return again. His mother, it is said, continued to live for another 40-years after his departure, and never again saw him.

After the death of the mother, the older brother, who had married and divorced several times in the intervening years, left also, but for the purpose of trying to find this younger brother, and perhaps, to apologize for his actions so many years ago. The story continues that the older brother travelled hundreds of miles, eventually ending up in marshy swamp in Arkansas, in an area that he had reason to believe his brother had gone. At night, to keep the wolves off him, he would climb a tall tree and tie himself to the trunk to gather rest and a few hours sleep.

After several days of wandering in this audacious place, he emerged to clear ground and came upon a farm house. He told his story to the owner and was invited to stay a few days in order to rest and have wholesome food before he continued...an offer gladly accepted.

After cleaning up he entered the house for his first meal in several weeks. As the farmer's wife entered the kitchen to serve his meal, their eyes met. The wife of the farmer had been a previous wife of the guest, much to the chagrine of both. No! Neither of them revealed this information, but it is said that he did not stay as long as originally expected. And yes, he did eventually find his brother and healed the wounds inflicted so long ago.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF EFGS:

This article will constitute the official notice, as required by the Constitution and By-Laws, of the Annual Meeting of the Easterling Family Genealogical Society, Inc., and that such

continued as ordinary until 1835. Other offices³ he held included road commissioner (1796) and Justice of the quorum (1789).

WILDCAT AND WOLF SCALPS:

In the Fall 1986 issue of The SC Magazine of Ancestral Research there is found an interesting article related to the bounty that was paid for the scalps of predators...wolves and wildcats. In the late 1700's these two animals were to found in great abundance in the areas being developed by the earlier settlers; areas in which our ancestors lived. They preyed on the smaller domestic animals which were, in some cases, vital to the subsistence of the farmer...chicken, sheep, rabbits, squirrels, etc. In an effort to reduce their numbers, a bounty was placed on both the wildcat (bobcat) and wolves. What follows is a transcript of a certificate abstracted from the State Treasurers Receipts maintained at the SC archives.

" State of South Carolina, Marlborough County. Before me William Easterling one of the Justices for sd. County personally Came Thomas Stubbs...a wild cat of which he now presents the scalp to me he killed in the county aforesd...3d September 1789. S/ William Easterling."

The producer of the scalp of one of the predators to the county Justice was generally paid a sum of from 5-10 shillings.

SOCIETY UNITES FAMILY MEMBER:

Perhaps the most tangible and rewarding pleasure of working in genealogy is that which is received in helping others to establish a relationship, and knowledge, of their ancestors.

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Such was the case, recently, when the Society was asked for help in locating, and identifying, the family of an Easterling. This situation involved a marriage, and subsequent divorce, of the parents of the person, and it was not until he had attained the age of 16 that he was aware of his real name. Of course, the many questions presented, and thru the years they prevailed to the extent that he felt that he must finally know the answers.

On the Saturday preceding Mother's Day, the Society received the call for assistance. The only information he had was a first name of his real father, a location which he was believed to have lived, and finally, the suspected name of one uncle.

Excluding the details of the efforts of the Society, suffice it to say that we were very pleased to inform this cousin, on the following day, that his family had been located, and much to his pleasure, that he had 11-half brothers and sisters and several uncles still living, and all most anxious to meet their long lost brother, and nephew. Sadly, his father had passed away some 20-years ago, at a time when the young man was serving his country in Vietnam.

Yes! The family has planned a (re)union in the month of June.

OBITUARY:

The Society is sad, indeed, to report the death of one of it's Charter Members, Ned H. Easterling, Sr. Ned was an ardent and avid supporter of the activities of the Society, but more important, and quoting from his son, "the finest man I ever knew".

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Ned was 79 and had retired from General Motors after some 35-years of employment... lastly, as General Manager of the Shreveport LA division. He was the father of two children, Ned H. Easterling, Jr., a retired Colonel, and Ron J. Easterling, a Methodist minister...both are members of EFGS. Ned was married first to Marie Goldsmith, who passed away in 1954. He is also survived by his wife Sue.

Shortly before his passing he had given his son, Ron, a note and it is his desire that we share this with you. Ned had written "And nothing hurts worse than becoming what you are after thinking you were so much more."

We will miss Ned tremendously.

A STORY FROM THE PAST:

Several years ago...actually, not too long after the Civil War...there was a rather large family of Easterlings residing in one of the states in the South. Times were extremely hard and difficult. The ability of any family living in this era to sustain themselves with the barest of essentials of life, required long hours of hard and continuing work. Each member of the family was expected to share in the burden of responsibility of chores...from the youngest to the oldest. The latter was generally the person in charge of the assignment of the many tasks, and also the "decision maker".

The father, or head of household, died quite young and the eldest of the children assumed his authoritative position. It was in this capacity that he felt it necessary to punish a younger brother for failing to work up to the standards which were expected. The punishment consisted of a quite severe physical beating of the young brother...a beating that left, perhaps more scars inward than on the surface. As a result,

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Participants are asked to bring a main dish and/or dessert. Those attending from out of the area, and that can, may desire to bring food, but in the past, the locals have provided ample food. The Society will provide table ware, plates, napkins, cups, etc.

EFGS FAMILY NIGHT:

The Family Night event is being scheduled again this year as a part of the total reunion activities. Family night is simply an informal gathering of all members of the Society that are "in town" and desire to have fellowship with other family members. There is no formality with the activity...just the uninterrupted opportunity to share the joy of meeting and talking to oft times distant, or previously unknown, cousins.

The Family Night will be held at the Dixie Electric Power Association Building, located on Hwy 84 W, 2-1/2 W of Laurel, Ms. It will begin at 7:30 PM and simple snacks and refreshments will be available.

JAN GOODWIN SCHEDULED TO PERFORM AT REUNION:

Members who have had the privilege of attending one of the previous reunions at which Jan has performed, will be delighted to hear that she has accepted an invitation to be with us again this year. You also do not have to be told of her talent.

For those that have never heard Jan, trust in the statement that she is a superb entertainer of unusually gifted talent. Her performances are, to say the least, spell-binding, and we are fortunate to have had her accept the invitation once again. Bring a hankchief, for you most

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WORTH LOOKING AT:

Recently, the Society was provided with a partial listing of GENEALOGIES IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. It was most interesting to note that among those listed were the family EASTERLING, and shown to be included in the genealogy of the PATE family. The history of the PATES was written by Julia Claire PATE in 1958 and has a reference number of 13129.

If any of the Society members are planning a trip into the Washington, D.C. area this summer, and would have the time, it is believed that the PATE history would be well worth looking at.

DO YOU KNOW THESE EASTERLINGS:

An inquiry concerning the location of two Easterlings ... Celcis and Rosemary... was recently received by the Society from a company that desires to communicate with them. The matter involves some shares of stock registered in their names, and undoubtedly, of which they are unaware.

The last known address of them is 26892 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights, MI., where they lived in the 1970's. It is believed that Celcis had later moved to someplace in Ohio, and that Rosemary had moved to California.

The company seeking this information is a reputable firm, and if any member of the society has knowledge of one, or either, of these family members they are encouraged to contact the Society.

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WILLIAM THOMAS EASTERLING (1757-1839):

William was the oldest son of Rev. Henry and his wife Elizabeth Bennett. Previous newsletters have highlighted William, and especially, the surviving letters which he had written. There is, yet, a little more to share!

Of particular interest, is the fact that his middle name was THOMAS. This is a matter of new documentation to the Society, and does appear to add substance to the belief that Thomas Easterling of Kentucky is, indeed, related to Rev. Henry. One of the pronounced difficulties in the efforts to identify Thomas was the lack of this given name in any of the siblings of the family of Rev. Henry, or the documented Henry and John that preceded him. It is now quite evident that this given name was used by Rev. Henry and, at best guess, (only a supposition at this time) was possibly an older brother of Rev. Henry, or perhaps, a brother to Rev. Henry's father. Until now, the Society had no information on the middle name of William.

William was born 10 March 1757 in Dobbs Co., NC. As a young boy his parents moved to Cheraw District, later named Marlboro Co. It was here that William, who did not use his middle name, made his permanent residence. Through grants, he acquired 196 acres on the Pee Dee River. According to the 1830 census, he owned six slaves. During the American Revolution, William served as a private (ca 1776, 1778-1780) and received a Captain's commission (ca 1782). He also taught school in Bladen County, NC (1778-1780). However, he returned to Marlboro County after peace was established. Elected to the House, he represented this county in the Fifteenth General Assembly (1802-1804) and served on the committee of privileges and elections (1802-1803). The legislature elected him ordinary for Marlboro District on 8 December 1803 and he resigned from the House. William

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meeting will be held at 3:30 PM at the Dixie Electric Power Association building located on Highway 84W and about 2-1/2 miles west of Laurel, Mississippi. The date of the meeting is September 2, 1989.

All members are invited, and encouraged, to attend this meeting and are reminded that they are entitled to one vote on any matter brought before the membership. There are no provisions for proxy ballots, and the dues of each participant must be current in order to exercise the voting right.

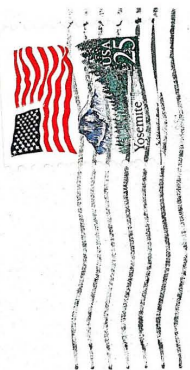
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

All Society members are reminded that the annual dues for the upcoming fiscal year (1989-1990) are due and payable no later than July 31, 1989. Dues will remain at \$10.00 per year for full membership, and \$5.00 for associate members...the latter available to family members not yet attaining their 18th birthday.

There is enclosed a pre-addressed envelope and application form which you are earnestly requested to complete and return as soon as practical. As indicated last year, the processing of dues is a very time consuming task..often times continuing for as long as six months. May we ask you, please, to respond to this request in a timely manner this year.

ANNUAL REUNION OF EFGS:

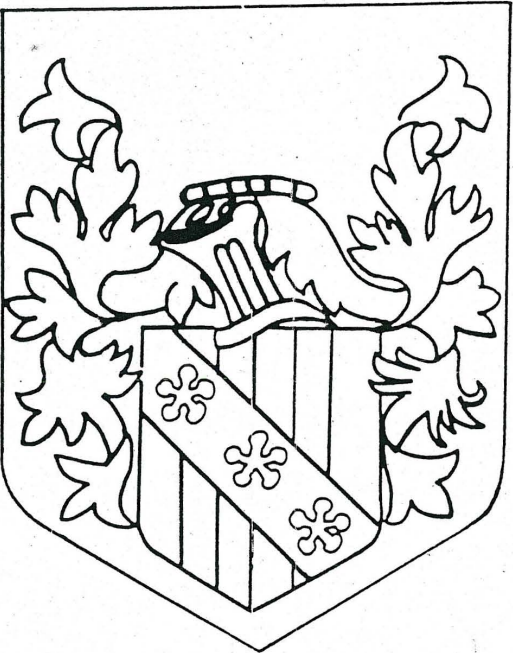
As reported previously, the Annual Reunion of EFGS will be held on Sunday, September 3, 1989. The site of the Reunion will be the American Legion Post #11 building, located at 1108 N 9th Ave., Laurel, Mississippi. The activities of the day will begin with a non-denominational service at 10:00 AM, followed by lunch at 12:00.



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1989 ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION:

The Officers and Board of Directors have designated Laurel, MS as the site of this years Annual Meeting and Reunion. The dates are as follows:

Annual Meeting....September 2, 1989: 3:30PM
Family Night.....Saturday, September 2, 1989:
7:30 PM
Annual Reunion....Sunday, September 3, 1989:
10:00 AM

The site location for each of these events have not been finalized to date, but in all probability, they will be the same as used in previous years. This information will be in the next (July) Newsletter.

THE EASTERLING HISTORY:

It is estimated that as much as 85% of the book on the Easterling Family History has been completed to date. Compilation of family groups is proceeding at a very rapid pace, thanks to Henry W. Easteling, and the final editing is almost ready to begin. It appears, at this writing, that the book will comprise some 600-650 pages and be very comprehensively presented.

In an attempt to get away from the mundane presentation of who married whom, etc., an honest effort has been applied to making the history of our family coincide with the historical events of a specific, appropriate era. This method is adding a considerable amount of narrative and with the hope that it will have great appeal to the younger members of our family...something that they will enjoy reading that will be interesting and informative.

As a matter of general information, the book will cover, in detail, each of the "major lines" of our family. For example, the earlier Easterlings found in the Colonies (Henry and John) and their children, will comprise a section unto itself. Rev. Henry and each of his children, are each to be considered a "major line"...a section on son William...a section on son James...a section on son Henry, etc.. Regretably, not much is known of the girls of Rev. Henry, and they each will be presented collectively. The other "major line" is that of Thomas Easterling, who as best as can be determined, is a brother to Rev. Henry, or at least, a 1st cousin (a son of John or William.)

The major difficulty on the latter is that he first appears among the records of Kentucky and all efforts to unquestionably connect him with Rev. Henry have proved fruitless. Circumstantial evidence does however connect Thomas with the family of Rev. Henry.

A FINAL NOTICE

As detailed, the witting of the family history is almost complete. It is possible, but only for a very short period of time, to have additional family group sheets added to the compilation of material already written. If you have not provided the Society with your individual family group sheets, it is strongly recommended that you do this as soon as possible. An exact cut-off date for receipt cannot be given although a 4-5 week deadline seems plausible. After this time, it will be impractical to make the additions.

SOCIETY SOON TO BE FIVE YEARS OLD

The Easterling Family Genealogical Society will have been officially organized for five years on June 29, 1989. On this day, in 1984, the Executive Office of the State of Mississippi approved the application for charter of the Society, and corporate status was granted by the Secretary of State on July 20, 1989.

It is recognized that this is not a great length of time for a family organization to exist, and that some far exceed ours in duration. What it does signify, however, is that the Society has weathered the first five years and that there are no signs that it won't be around for many more years to come.

It is appropriate to extend sincere appreciations to the small group that worked so hard and tediously to establish the Society and to guide it through it's early beginnings. A little known fact is that this group started their work over a year before the issuance of the Charter and were in many meetings and conversations to make it all possible.

Following is a list of all the members that were designated as Charter Members of the Society...a designation granted to all that joined within it's first year of organization:

Carol Adamek	Peggy Adams
Montez Allen	Deborah Anderson
Mary Baille	Wanda Bowie
Helen Boynton	Ann Braddock
Kenneth Braddock	Martha Brandon
Lydia Bryant	Renee' Burks
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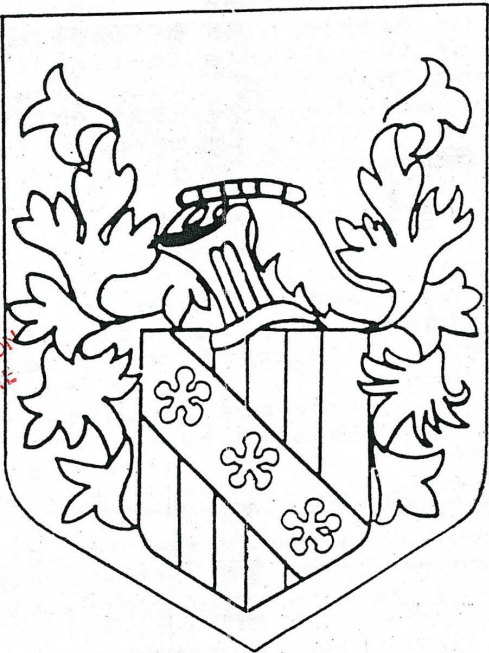
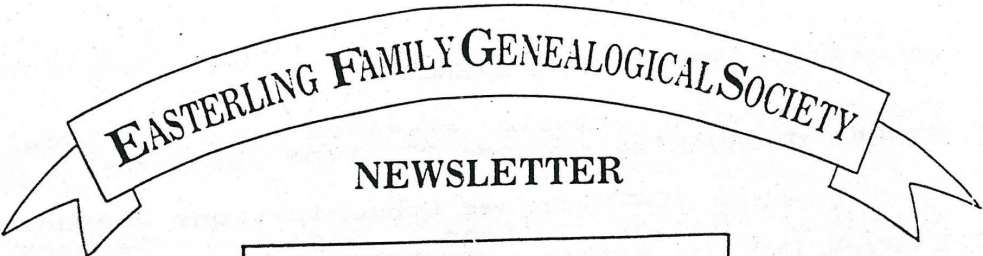


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AN EASTERLING IS AN EASTERLING

The following article appeared in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL's, October 11, 1988 edition.

"FIRST-CLASS SEATS eluded Communications Workers chiefs Morton Bahr and Barbara EASTERLING. Mr. Bahr's high mileage earned seats on a flight of Texas Air's Continental Airlines. But they went back to coach when a flight attendant objected to Ms. Easterling's button, which taunted Frank Lorenzo, Texas Air's anti-union chairman."

1989 ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION

The site and date of the Annual Meeting and Reunion have not been selected at the time of this Newsletter. As reported in the last quarterly issue, consideration is being given to scheduling the events at a different time and place than in previous years. Some have suggested a suitable site in or around the location of the place of birth of our most common ancestor, Rev. Henry Easterling, and certainly it seems to have merit. The Board will have this as an item for discussion at their upcoming meeting and would welcome any ideas.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETING

The Officers and members of the Board of Directors will conduct their mid-year meeting during the last week end of this month. They will be hosted by Board Member, Henry W. Easterling, Jr., of Mary Ester, FL.

This meeting is scheduled each year and has proved to be highly successful in ensuring that the Society continues to fulfill it's obligation to the membership.

the rest". Only recently, and quite by accident, was the name Alathera actually documented as a given name. One Alathera, the daughter and heir of Gilbert Talbot, 7th Earl of Shrewsbury, married Sir Thomas Howard (1585-1646) who was the 14th Earl of Arundel. This is of significance, for as you will recall, there is recorded in the extant records of the St. Olav's Church, Hart Street, London, the death of one Walter Easterling and listed as a servant to one Sir Thomas. The identity of this Thomas has not been determined, but quite possibly he was Sir Thomas Howard. Ann Arundel County Maryland is named after this prestigious Eanglish family. Additionally, it should be remembered that in the Inventory of Goods and Chattels of John Easterling..who had died intestate..in 1715, in Calvert County, Maryland, one Thomas Howard and wife, Henrietta, were the Administrators of his estate. (No relationship to the distinguished Sir Thomas is suggested, but the possibility does present.)

None the less, Dr. Holliman has recently found documentation to indicate that Alathera Easterling, after reaching her majority, married one John Witherington. It is his contention that the Witherington family did not enter the area of birth of Rev. Henry and Alathera from Maryland, but rather from Virginia, and were an established family many years prior to Henry Easterling's arrival. It will be interesting, to say the least, to see where his research may lead as a result of this recent "find" and more importantly, that as a family, it is comforting that we now know what happened to our ancestress, Alathera.

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if there be a terrestrial Canaan, 'tis surely here, where the land floweth with milk and honey."

RESEARCH PROJECT CONTINUES

The research efforts of Dr. Charles Holloman are continuing and he has been able to provide a little more information. Before citing this new material the following should be noted. A few members have requested that they be provided a copy of that which he has uncovered, and reported, to date. In the last Newsletter, a summation of his finding were given, and at his request, the Society will publish, and make available to all members, at the same time, his completed report. At any rate, time does not permit the photocopying of bits and pieces of the material that he has provided thus far. It would certainly seem to be unfair, and unethical, to provide a few members with this information prior to the release of all of the information when it is received...and to all members simultaneously. It might be added, that there is no animosity involved in this decision, but rather an equal consideration extended to all members and the impossibility, and impracticability, of doing such on an individual basis.

Members will recall that in the minutes of the Orphans Court records of Craven County, NC, dtd 1713, two children of Henry Easterling, deceased, were removed from their mother and step-father (name unknown) and placed into the care and custody of William Bond. One of these siblings, of course, was our ancestor, Rev. Henry Easterling, and the other, a daughter named Alathera. The latter being such an uncommon name, was subject to a great deal of speculation. For example, did the minutes reflect a given name, or record a phrase "all

OBITUARY

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We are saddened to report the passing, on May 1, 1988, of Charter Member, Julius (Pop) C. EASTERLING. "Pop" was one of the Society's first and most ardent members. His letters and communications will be greatly missed.

"Pop" resided in Bowman, SC, and had been an active researcher within our family of Easterlings for many years, and so freely shared his results with all who had a similar interest. His greatest love, apart from his family, was for his country, that he served so proudly and to the youth of his community. He actively supported, and sponsored, a variety of youth programs and was always looking for ways to serve his fellowman. He truly was an inspiration to this writer and equally to all that were priveleged to know him.

AN URGENT AND MOST SINCERE APPEAL FOR HELP

In the last newsletter there was a request for assistance from any of our members that has knowledge and/or information concerning the publishing/printing industry. As work is continuing on the Easterling History, the publication date draws closer. This is not to indicate that the committee is ready, at this time, to publish, but a tremendous amount of material is already completed and presently being proofed and edited. Quotes have been received from a couple of publishers, but the companys are unknown to any of our members...to our knowledge. In addition, the difference in the quotes are considerable and this leads one to believe that the difference in quality will vary accordingly.

It is for sure that the desire of all our family members will be that this book, when published, will stand the test of time and be a treasure to

3 have. PLEASE...if you feel that you can be of assistance, contact the Society office.

ONE MAN'S DESCRIPTION OF THE "NEW WORLD."

The Colonies in their early settlement must indeed have been an awe-inspiring physical sight for all that ventured into them. Most are aware of the deprivations suffered by so many of the first migrants in their native homeland, and it causes one to wonder if the following description of early Maryland could have contributed to the decision of our first American ancestors in coming to this new land. It portrays, in essence, what one man saw and experienced as he ventured from England to Maryland, then returned to relate, in writing, his personal reflections. This was published in London in 1670 by one Daniel Denton, and distributed randomly to entice others to return with him to the "New World."

"I must say, and say truly, that if there be any terrestrial happiness to be had by people of all ranks, especially those of an inferior one, it must certainly be here (Colonies); here any one may furnish himself with land, and live rent free, yea with such a warranty of land, that he may weary himself with walking over his fields of corn, and all sorts of grain; and let his stock of cattle amount to some hundreds. He needs not fear their want of pasture in the summer, or fodder in the winter with the woods affording sufficient supply. For the summer season, where you have grass as high as a man's knees, nay, as high as his waist, interlaced with pea-vines and other weeds that cattle much delight in, as much as a man can press through; and these woods also ever mile or half-mile are furnished with fresh ponds, brooks or rivers. Here those which fortune hath frown'd upon in England, to deny them an inheritance amongst their bretheren, or such as by their utmost

4 labors can scarcely procure a living, I say such may procure here inheritances of land and possessions, stock themselves with all sorts of cattle, enjoy the benefit of them whilst they live, and leave them to the benefit of their children when they die; here you need not trouble the shambles for meat, not bakers and brewers for bread and beer, nor run to a linner-draper for a supply, every one making their own linen, and great part of their woollen cloth for their ordinary wearing.

And how prodigal, if I may so say, hath nature been to furnish the country with all sorts of wild beasts and fowl, which every one hath an interest in, and may hunt at his pleasure; where besides the pleasure in hunting, he may furnish his house with excellent fat vension, turkies, geese, heath-hens, cranes, swans, ducks, pigeons, and the like, and wearied with that he may go a fishing, where the rivers are so furnished, that he may supply himself with fish before he can leave off the recreation. Where you may travel, from one end of the country to another, with as much security as if you were locked within your own chamber. And if you chance to meet with an Indian town, they shall give you the best entertainment they have, and upon your desire, direct you on your way. But that which adds happiness to all the rest, is the healthfulness of the place, where many people in twenty years time never know what sickness is; where besides the sweetness of the air, the country itself sends forth such a fragrant smell, that it may be perceived at sea before they can make the land; where no evil fog or vapor doth no sooner appear, but a northwest or westerly wind doth immediately dissolve it and drive it away.

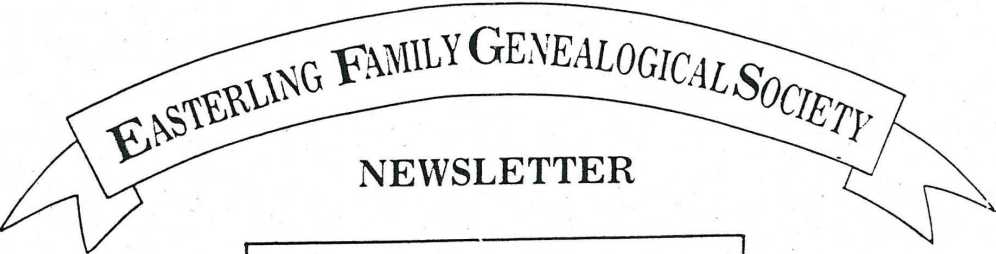
What shall I say more? You shall scarce see a house, but that the south side is begirt with hives of bees, which increase after an incredible manner. Then I must need say, that

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was a member of the Confederate Forces from the State of MISSISSIPPI, it is quite possible that the Society can provide you with some very detailed information regarding his service.

This information, for example, will let you know where and when his unit was organized, who its officers were, the specific battles in which they were engaged, etc.

If you have an interest in this type of ancestral data, let us know the name of your Confederate ancestor (the name and units were previously published) and we will take it from there.

For additional information on a personal level, and you will have to do this, write to: REFERENCE SERVICES BRANCH (NNIR), NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, 8TH AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE., NW, WASHINGTON, D. C., 20408. When writing, request that they send you several copies of NATF FORM 80. This form, when completed and returned, will enable you to access more specific information on your ancestor, such as pension application, muster roll forms, etc.. At the time you make the initial request, also ask for the free genealogical information leaflets.

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the central part of the state, was a very successful college player for the Alabama Crimson Tide, later becoming his alma mater's head football coach. He now, as many would know, is the head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Ray is a descendant of Rev. Henry thru his son Bennett...his mother being an Easterling. *Grandmother*

Rev. Julian Fagan, a descendant of Rev. Henry thru his son Henry, and whose grandmother was an Easterling, gained football fame as a punter at Ole' Miss in the mid-1960's. He was drafted by the New Orleans Saints and played with this team for 7-8 years.

RECIPE EXCHANGE:

You only need to attend one reunion to witness and enjoy a variety of some of the finest food ever prepared...Easterling style, of course. In most instances, each of the different dishes were derived from recipes that have been "passed down" from a parent, grandparent, etc.. They are, individually, a "tradition" that the person cherishes, and more often than not, knows that it will "pass the test" of all who will consume it.

It was a very good suggestion that was put forth at our reunion---"Lets share our favorite recipes with others of our family." We can do this by sending it to EFGS for publication in upcoming newsletters. If you have such a favorite recipe that you would like to share, please write it down and send it in!!!

CONFEDERATE SOLDIER INFORMATION:

If any member of the Society has an ancestor who

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REUNION--1988

The weather and some other events impacted heavily on the attendance at this years Annual Reunion. Although no accurate count was made of the total present, it was quite evident that there were less in attendance than at any of the previous reunions. A tropical depression, moving in from the Gulf Coast, caused rain to fall continuously, and prompted severe flood warnings along the southern counties of the state.

Food and fellowship were in great abundance, as usual, and was topped off with a very enjoyable program of events. Rev. Pat Easterling, of Plain Dealing, LA, gave a most inspirational devotion and Dr. Betty Drake, Reference Librarian, University of Southern Mississippi, presented an exceptionally informative program on our earlier ancestors and their reasons for coming to the Colonies and examples of their life-styles. The entertainment was presented by Ms. LaQuita McDaniels of Crystal Springs, MS. She sang several songs with grace and beauty and did this with only one days notice of invitation. Only a few of those in attendance were aware that LaQuita had performed in public on only one other occasion.

1988 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of EFGS was conducted on Saturday, September 3, 1988 in Laurel, Mississippi. At this meeting the Financial Report for fiscal 1988 and the proposed budget for fiscal 1989 were approved. It is also reported that the changes to the By-laws, that had been proposed in the preceding newsletter, were approved as presented.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Nominating Committee, meeting during the annual activities, proposed and presented to the membership the following recommendations:

- 1) That C. Nelson Easterling be elected to the Board of Directors for a one year term. This position is to fill the unexpired term of R. Lile Easterling.
- 2) That Harold Eugene Morgan be reelected for a three year term to the Board of Directors.
- 3) That Dr. Larry Jones be elected for a three year term to the Board of Directors. This position is to fill the vacancy created by outgoing member, Les Easterling, Jr.

The recommendations were presented to the Membership during the Annual Meeting by Chairman George Easterling. They were voted on and approved.

EDITTING COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS WORK

It does appear that the members working on the Easterling Family History are making slow, but steady, progress. If the work continues, and there is no reason that it should'nt, it is anticipated that the completed text will be ready for publication by September of 1989.

The committee is earnestly seeking some help on the actual publication and would like to hear from some member (s) THAT HAVE HAD SOME PRIOR EXPERIENCE OR KNOWLEDGE of a reliable source that can be contacted for price quotes. Plans are for a hard bound book (perhaps two volumes) printed on acid-free paper, and with an initial order of about 500-600 copies.

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famous gun with the many notches and had offered a reward for its capture. He and his men fought magnificently, but the odds were too great. A bullet found its mark and Jonathan went down. Knowing his wound was fatal, with a strength born of will and desperation, he hurled his gun far into the water of the mill pond. Afterward, hunt tho' they did, the British never found the famous gun. The water and the mud of the old pond did their work for Jonathan well; the British never were able to exhibit the weapon that had proven such a friend to Jonathan as well as an instrument of revenge for the slaying of his family; nor could they boast of his capture."

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES:

For those who have a desire to "claim kin" to family members who have "made it big" in professional sports, here are a couple that come to mind.

Paul Easterling, whose lineage is not known, but reportedly from around the Birmingham area, played baseball for the Detroit Tigers. It was in the early or mid-30's, that he was called up to the majors from a Texas league team. He was a very likable fellow and even visited in the homes of some of the Easterlings that resided in the Detroit area during his playing time there.

Paul was billed by the press as "being the next Babe Ruth", for indeed, in his first four trips to the plate, he hit four homeruns. It was not his fate to become a legend, for in the remainder of his 10 or so years of professional baseball, he failed to hit not one single homerun.

Ray Perkins, of Petal, MS., a small community in

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This story has been passed down thru several generations of some members of our family, and while there is no documentation to support its authenticity, it is deemed worthy of repeating here for others to share.

"Before the Revolutionary War, there lived in the Four Holes section (then a part of Craven County, NC) a family of Easterlings. They were not wealthy but cultured and gentil folks. The father was quite well educated for one of his time. There were three sons, and one other born the first year of the war. The three elder sons fought with Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox". The eldest, Jonathan, a giant in size and strength, was one of Marion's chief Lieutenants. Jonathan loved his parents very much and would come back home to see them and the baby brother whenever he could. One day the Tories came and killed the father and mother and burned the place. The little boy David hid and so escaped. For this outrage, Jonathan swore vengeance; he would kill every Tory he met. On his gun he had a notch for every one he had slain, and the notches were many. The little brother idolized this big strong soldier and wanted to be like him.

One day General Marion sent Jonathan, with a small detachment, to a grist mill to grind some corn as they were sorely in need of food for his men. Thinking the enemy too far away to hear, they started the mill. Above the noise of the water falling and the grind of the mill, they heard gunfire. Quickly, they stopped the mill, but it was too late; the enemy had discovered them and pretty soon they realized that they were surrounded. Jonathan determined that he nor his brothers who were with him would be taken tho' he knew they would forfeit their lives. The British wanted him captured and taken alive. They had heard of him and his

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The book will be copyrighted in the name of the Society.

If any member(s) can offer their help, assistance or expertise in this matter, please contact EFGS.

SPECIAL THANKS EXTENDED:

The Secretary wishes to express appreciation to the family members that responded so promptly to the sincere request that memberships for the current year be timely submitted. The response was better than in years previous and this has helped considerably in reducing the amount of volunteer time required to process the applications. Very special recognition is also given to those that were able to contribute to the Special Research Fund and/or the General Fund. Were it not for these acts of generosity there is little doubt that the budget for this year could be attained. To date, there has been a renewal of 145 members...a considerable drop from the 327 that have been in membership. At least 200 members are necessary to attain the special bulk rate mailing permit from the Postal Service.

CHANGE IN LOCATION OF ANNUAL REUNION:

Over the past couple of years a considerable number of requests have been made to change the location of the Annual Meeting and Reunion...and perhaps, even the date upon which it has been held. Changes to the By-Laws that have been made by the membership at the last few meetings have made it possible to do this. The Officers and Board of Directors may now designate a time and place for these two events, but certainly in

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keeping with the best interest of the Society and its members. Several discussions among this governing body have been conducted and it does now seem to be timely and proper to enact such a change.

It would appear more feasible that the events be conducted, perhaps at a different location each year, and at a time that does not conflict as badly with the opening of the school year. In the past this date has caused many members not to be able to attend.

The more plausible of alternatives would seem to be to join with some other family group that has traditionally conducted their own Easterling reunion...such as the members in Texas, Arkansas, and Kentucky...to name a few. The special considerations of the Society would have to be addressed such as a place for layout of the member-owned documents, a special place for conducting the Annual meeting, which is required, a motel with reasonable rates and lastly, a place for the site of the reunion.

If any of the family members have an interest, or desire, in sharing this thought with the Board, they would be most welcome and certainly considered. The Board will be conducting a mid-year meeting the last week end in January, and details should be worked out by the time of this meeting for presentation to them. WE WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU !!!!!

OBITUARY

We are saddened to report the untimely and unexpected death of Larry Smith of Laurel, MS. Larry was a very dear and much loved cousin whose passing will leave a void in the lives of all that knew him.

During the formative months of EFGS, Larry was

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very supportive and instrumental in the many details which were required. Of course, he was a Charter Member and always maintained a tremendous level of interest, support, and enthusiasm to the continuance of the Society.

BENNETT CONNECTION????

It has long been established that there is a familial connection between the Easterling/Bennett's...thus this tid bit of information is provided. It comes from an ardent family researcher who uncovered it while browsing some documents and shares it with the members for its humor(?). The article was gleaned from "Abstracts from N.C. Gazette of New Bern, NC- 1791-98" and compiled by Raymond Parker Fouts in 1983.

May 18, 1797--Saturday--"Where as my wife Polly has absconded herself from my bed and board and hath meanly taken up with one THOMAS BENNETT mate of a vessel: this is to fore warn all persons from trusting her on my account. I will give a reward of 40 shillings to any persons who will bring her home to me. The woman is about 5'-3" high, 24 years of age, has light hair, and fair complexion and black eyes. Bennett is 5'-7" or 8" high, middle aged, long black hair with two of his upper fore teeth out. It is supposed they have gone to Washington. Thomas Godfrey...."

The person submitting this article could not help but pose the question of how Thomas lost his teeth: asking perhaps if it could have been at the hands of the irate husband.

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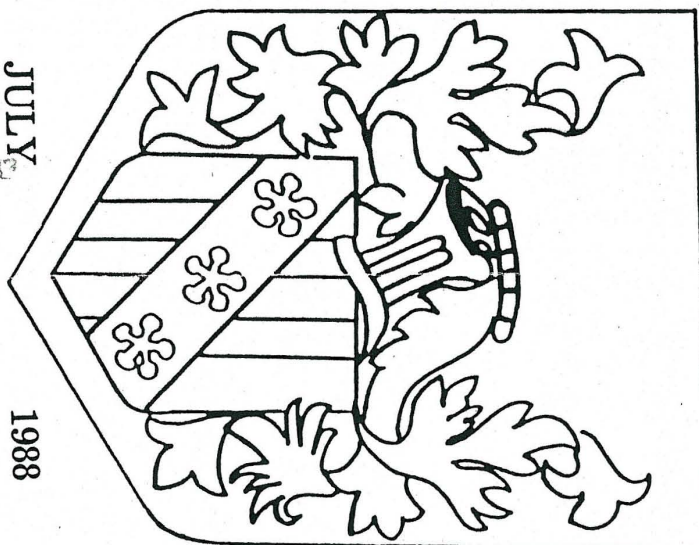
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EDITTING COMMITTEE

A great amount of work has been accomplished by the members of this Committee and it is very likely that some positive steps will be taken by the end of this year to begin publishing, at least, the beginning of our EASTERLING history. It should be noted that the Committee is dedicated to having a book published that will have broad appeal and accurate in its copy. Equally, it will be a book that will stand the test of time.

A WORD OF CAUTION TO MEMBERS

Halbert's, Inc. of Bath, Ohio, has just recently completed a mailing to all EASTERLINGS soliciting the purchase of what can easily be construed as a book on the "History of the EASTERLING Family." This company, and its 'author' have recently been under investigation by the U.S. Postal Department for a variety of consumer complaints. It is NOT a history of our family. It does list all the EASTERLING names and addresses that the company was capable of purchasing from assorted "mailing List" businesses.

ANNUAL REUNION

The 1988 Annual Reunion will be held on SEPTEMBER 5, 1988, at the American Legion Facility in Laurel, Mississippi. (In error, the date was given as September 6 in the last Newsletter.) The activities of the Reunion will begin at 10:00 AM with a non-denominational devotion. Following, at 12:00, the noon meal will be ready for serving. As in the past, we are asking that those attending from close proximity bring an extra helping of food in order that our out of town cousins will be spared the inconvenience of transporting food from a long distance. Of course, the meal will be a covered dish affair.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

As required by the Constitution and By Laws of the EFSGS, and the applicable legal statutes of the State of Mississippi, this announcement will constitute the official notice of the 1988 Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Easterling Family Genealogical Society, Inc. The meeting will be conducted at the Dixie Electric Power Asociation Building, located on Highway 84 W, approximately 3-miles West of the city limits of Laurel, Mississippi.

The meeting will begin at 3:00 PM on Saturday, September 3, 1988. Members present are entitled to one vote on all issues brought before the membership. There are no provisions for proxy votes.

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FAMILY NIGHT

This event, which has proven to be a quite popular affair, will be conducted at the Dixie Electric Power Association Building...the same location as for the Annual Meeting...and will begin at 7:00 on Saturday Evening, September 3, 1988. The activity is an informal gathering of all the family members and guests and provides the opportunity of fellowship and fun. Refreshments will be provided by the Society.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

In accordance with the existing By-Laws, the following changes are to be proposed at the 1988 Annual Meeting:

Article V (Meetings) presently reads "An annual meeting of the members shall ordinarily be held on the Sunday preceding Labor Day, a National Holiday, each year."

It is proposed that this Article be changed to read as follows: "An annual meeting of the membership shall be held on the Sunday, preceding Labor Day each year, or at such other time as the Board of Directors may decide."

Article VII (Officers) presently reads "The officers of the corporation shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer."

It is proposed that the Article be changed to read as follows: "The Officers of the corporation shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer and such other Officers as the Board of Directors may decide from time to time. The Officers of the Corporation shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors."

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The Easterlings settled first in Craven on Lower Broad Creek (formerly Smiths Creek). They later moved upland to Upper Broad Creek, to Contentnea Creek, and to Vine Swamp (near Southwest Creek near Kingston). Then to Moccason Creek on the Great Cohery Swamp in Duplin County. Moved there in or before 1757. Next moved to Nahunta Creek Swamp in what is now (1988) in Wayne County, but the area was in Craven until 1746, then in Johnson County 1746 to March 1759 when it fell into Dobbs County which was created then in eastern Johnson. The area fell to Wayne County January 1, 1780, when Wayne County was created from Eastern Dobbs County. The rest of Dobbs was divided in February 1792 by a line roughly along Wheat Swamp. The Northern part became Glasgow County which lost its name in January 1800 and became Greene County. The Southern part of old Dobbs became Lenoir County in February 1792 and inherited all records of Johnson (1746-59); Dobbs 1759-1792; Lenoir from 1792 to burning (April 21, 1880) of its records."

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"Information copied from a manuscript copy of Tour (Journal) of Rev. Morgan Edwards of Pennsylvania, to the American Baptists in North Carolina in 1772-73, which manuscript is in the Rare Book Collection of the State Library of NC, provides some biographical notes and family census-type notes about his wife and children resident in his household at that date in 1772 when the family was visited by Rev. Morgan Edwards. Rev. Edwards was a representative (possibly self-appointed) of the Conservative Presbyterian group who seceded from the Presbyterian denomination in Philadelphia circa 1757 and adopted a Baptist name and title. They eventually became known in Carolina as "hardshell" Baptists by other Baptists and called themselves Primitive Baptist.....we have found mentions of at least two males of the Bennett family in close association with Henry Easterling Jr's. family when he was in Duplin County circa 1756-1759...Jos. Bennett, Jr...and when Henry was resident on Nahunta Creek Swamp in Dobbs County (now Northern Wayne County)-Thomas Bennett--circa 1760-1764."

"I regret to say that any mention of Thomas Easterling the early settler (after the Revolution) in the part of North Carolina which in 1792 became the State of Tennessee has eluded me so far. While I feel rather confident that he is of the Eastern NC branch of Easterlings, I believe he would have been so young when Henry Easterling died that he would have been a minor not old enough to be unmentioned in the County Court Minutes of Craven when the matter of guardianship arose. Furthermore, since the apparent older sons of Henry, Sr., namely William, John and Henry are all having children by the 1750-1760 period and William before 1750, in late 1740's, I suspect that the Thomas may be the son of one of these sons."

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LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Arrangements have been made with DAYS INN for reservation of rooms for those members attending from out of town. This motel is located on Highway 11 N, at the junction of I-59. A special rate of \$34.98 (including tax) per night has been negotiated with the manager and this rate applies to a room with up to four occupants. A few of their rooms have king size beds and if desired, you may indicate such on your reservation. The motel has a very nice restaurant and swimming pool and is located a very short distance from downtown Laurel. (This is the same motel we used last year.)

You will find enclosed a reservation card and the manager has requested that members complete and return these as quickly as possible.

FAMILY RECORDS

The family records will be available for member research, copying, etc., from Friday, September 2 thru Sunday, September 4. A copy machine and paper will also be available for member use.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members are reminded that the yearly dues for fiscal 1988-89 are payable on or before July 31, 1988...the end of our current fiscal year. This notice is applicable to ALL members for there are no provisions for pro-rated dues.

The amount for yearly dues is \$10.00 for each member, and \$5.00 for an associate (under 18 and residing within a members household.)

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Over the past couple of years a considerable amount of valuable time and money has had to be applied to the billing and receipt of member dues. It is, to say the least, an unpleasant task but none-the-less, a necessary one. In order to expedite the billing, and to make it as convenient as possible for each member, we are enclosing a pre-addressed envelope and renewal application for your use. We also would ask that you please help us by promptly responding to this request.

At this time, also, the Board of Directors and Officers would ask that you consider making a donation to the Special Research Fund or to the General Fund of the Society. The enclosed application form has been designed to enable you to make such a donation and denote where you would like to have your contribution applied.

OBITUARY OF CHARTER MEMBER

We sadly report the passing of Edward Walter EASTERLING, of Beaumont, Texas. E. W., as he was known, was a Charter Member of the Society and aided greatly in the early organizational time. He was descended from Rev. Henry EASTERLING thru his son Shadrack. E. W. was born November 12, 1901, received his LL.B. from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1926. He was active in the practice of law until his death, August 6, 1987.

SPECIAL RESEARCH PROJECT

Dr. Charles Holloman has provided the Society his first response to the questions posed to him some several months ago. The material contains a considerable number of maps, upon which a rather

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large number of notes are recorded, several copies of original Warranty Deeds, and other related items. It does not constitute a final report to the Society of his research efforts, but rather a synopsis of "where he has been, some initial conclusions, and the direction in which he is moving." Excerpts from his forwarding letter are provided herewith for it contains a considerable amount of information related to our ancestors.

"I am sending you a batch of photocopies of State and County records pertaining to the Easterling family in eastern North Carolina during the Colonial Period from their arrival in Craven Precinct circa 1730 and certainly documented in a Craven Precinct political petition to the Governor and Council in 1732-33 (winter) on which Henry Easterling's signature is found. From Maryland Records of Wills and Estates and information about the family and connections of one Henry Easterling and wife Elizabeth, named daughter by Robert Widdington (variously spelled) of Calvert County, Maryland.....register of births and baptisms of Christ Church Parish...plus information in Craven County N. C. County Court Minutes showing that one Henry Easterling has died there, leaving a widow and two orphan children named Henry and Allathera who are minors of tender years, these seem to prove conclusively the place of former residence from whence these Easterlings came to North Carolina. North Carolina documents prove that the orphan Henry survived in North Carolina, attained manhood in eastern North Carolina and resided successively from circa 1730-33 to 1764 in Craven County (called Precinct before 1739), Duplin County, Johnson-Dobbs Counties and perhaps in Anson County in an area that later fell to SC when the boundary was surveyed."

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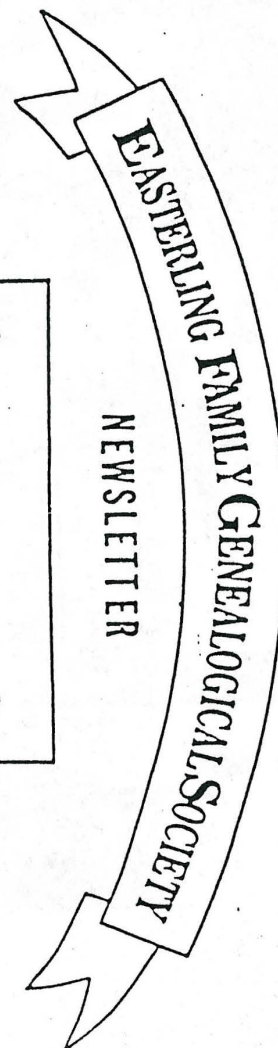
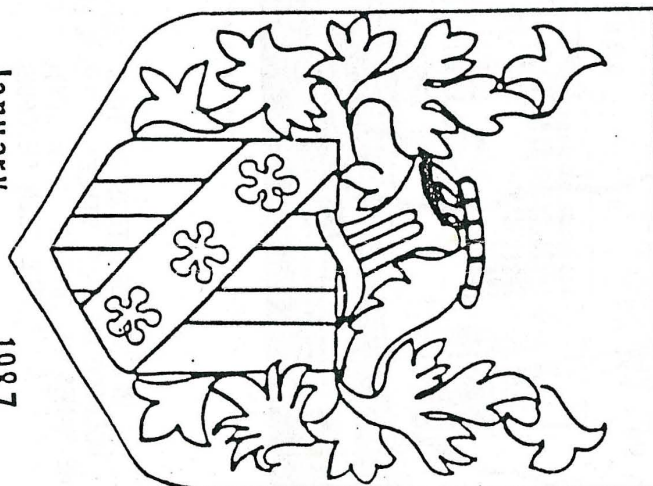
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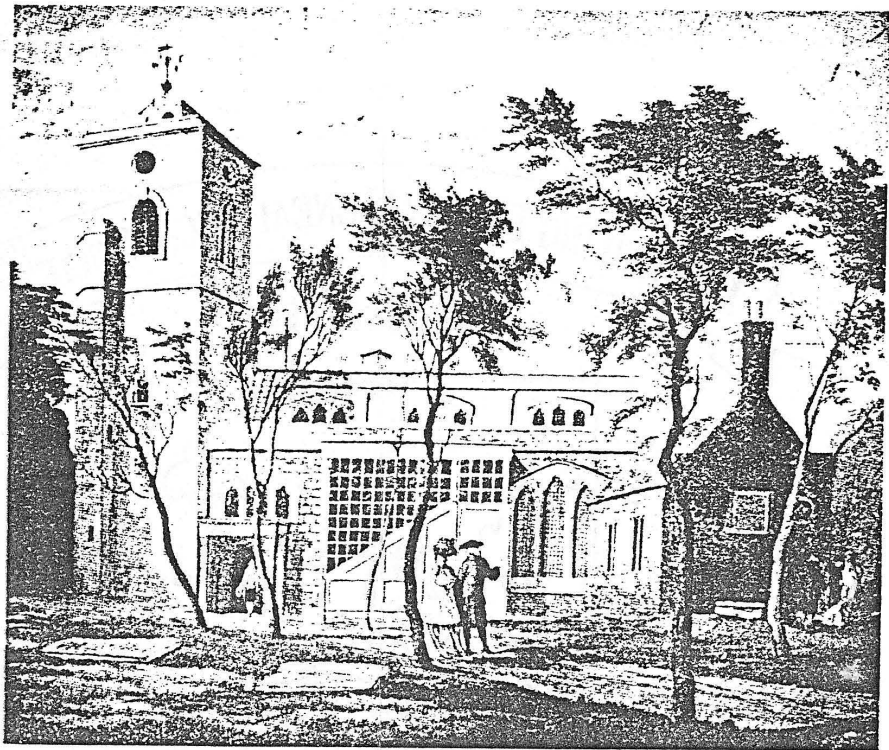
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St. Olave's Church and Churchyard circa 1670

IN THE REGISTERS OF THIS CHURCH,
LOCATED ON HART STREET, LONDON, ENGLAND
THE NAMES OF SEVERAL 17th CENTURY EASTERLINGS
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OUR BENNETT FAMILY

A considerable amount of genealogical information has been compiled by the Society, from a number of sources, related to our Bennett family. As most members know, the Rev. Henry Easterling was married to Elizabeth Bennett. The parents of Elizabeth has yet to be proved. That the Easterlings and Bennetts have a long-standing familial relationship is a matter of considerable documentation originating from sources in England, land deeds in the early records of North and South Carolina, etc. More recent research has now surfaced to present the possibility that the Sir Thomas, for whom Walter Easterling is recorded, in 1620, as having been a servant too, was Sir Thomas Bennett. Thomas Bennett was the sheriff of London in 1594, the Lord Mayor in 1603, and subsequently, knighted in that same year. The Bennetts, thru their connections and support of the Virginia Company, were first granted "a large track of land" in Colonial Virginia in 1621. Additional Bennett information will be presented in following newsletters.

IN OR ABOUT LONDON

That our American ancestors came from London..a long-standing supposition..appears to be closer to a reality. It has been known for a number of years the EASTERLING's were in, or about, the London area during the time of their emmigration to the Colonial lands of this country. This statement is supported by the Parish records of the St. Olave's Church which is located in the shadows of the "infamous" Tower of London. Similar documentation also exists from a Parish Church, not too distant from London, in Buckinghamshire. Even more recently a family member has uncovered christening records of a family of EASTERLYNS (alias Stradling) close to London and also in the same time frame.

Correspondence is presently being conducted with 3 of our most apparent distant cousins--all EASTERLINGS-- in the London area. From the information that has been exchanged, thus far, more positive indicators prevail to establish a familial connection between our "first" American ancestors to "those that they left behind." Tho' the use of "given names" cannot be used to support a lineage connection of families, they can sometimes support reason and cause to pursue additional research. In the family group sheets received from our English cousins, the usage of given names so prevalent in our American families is found to be duplicated in their's....Henry, William, John, Mary, Henrietta, Mary, Elizabeth, Robert...to name a few. In addition to this duplication of given names, one of the correspondants has provided evidence of "his ancestors" also being members of the St. Olave's.

Another interesting statement has been provided in correspondence. "Our cousin" states that the

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English Easterlings of the 16th and 17th centuries were "sea-traders" of some prominence with a fleet of many ships. He writes, "The EASTERLINGS are mentioned in history books as coming from North Germany in the 1200's and trading in pitch and furs and tallow. They were connected with the Hanseatic League and by 12th century were the biggest foreign group of traders operating in London. They had a big house with wharf and warehouse on Thames Street which was known as the Steelyard (a corruption of Stapehof.) They made loans to King Henry VIII and were rewarded by being made exempt from English jurisdiction and restrictions usually imposed on foreign traders. This was resented by London Merchants and by 1579 Queen Elizabeth had them thrown out. The Steelyard, which was located where Cannon Street Station is now, was destroyed in the Great Fire of London". This short narrative does indeed appear to have substance for in the book, "THE GENESIS OF THE UNITED STATES" edited by Alexander Brown, the following is found: < MEM.--Captain John Smith sailed from our New England coast on the 18th of July and arrived in England the later end of August 1614....Lorkin to Purkering, London, Sept. 1614...."The present affords no news at all, more than that two or three days since, we were put into an alarm by the discovery of a fleet upon our coasts, of three score sail, what at first were feared to be Spainards, destined for England, but since proved to be EASTERLINGS".....>

As one can readily see, this event would clearly indicate a rather large number of ships operating under the EASTERLING name.

OFFICERS TO MEET

The Officers, Board of Directors and members of the Editing Committee will conduct a semi-annual meeting in Louisville, MS during the weekend of January 31. Progress toward the goals of the Society will be addressed and plans made for the

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1987 Annual Meeting and Reunion. The Editing Committee will have the opportunity to establish an appropriate outline for the work in which they are involved.

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The Society is deeply grateful to those members that have made contributions to this cause. To date, \$925.00 is in deposit, made possible by the donations of 31-members. The members contributing are:

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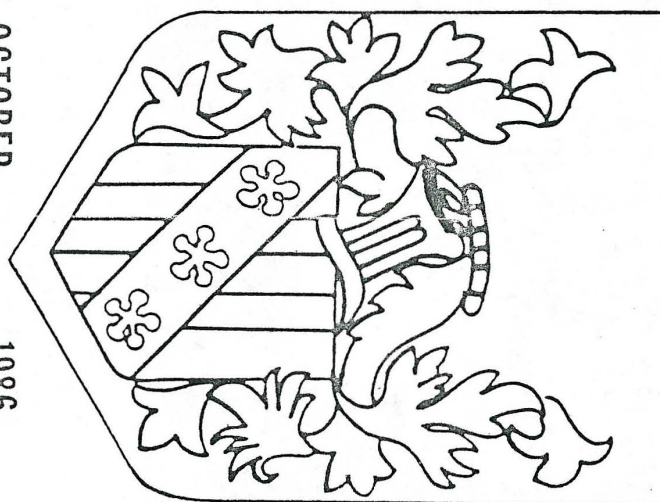
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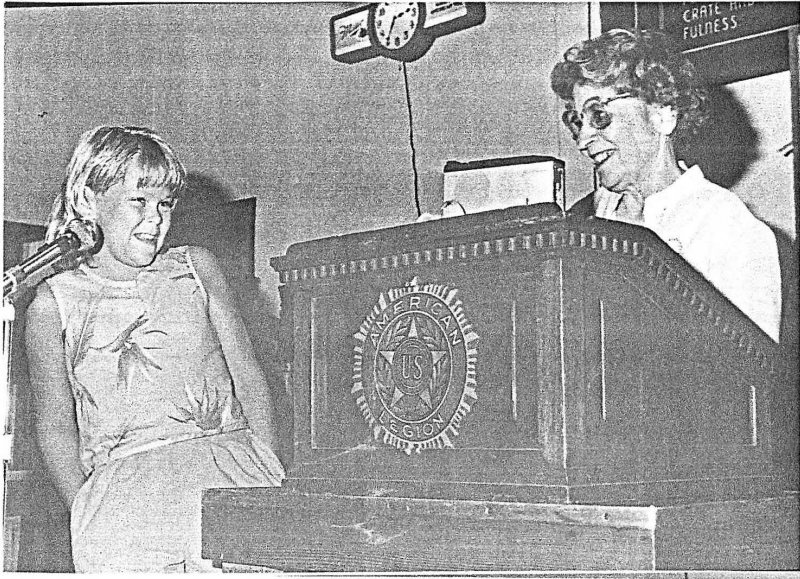
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LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



Josephine Easterlin, left, and Lanette Faulk proudly display their Life-Time Membership plaques which were presented at the 1986 EFGS Annual Reunion



Ashley Pepper Easterling extends her congratulations to Josephine Easterlin for being honored as a co-recipient of the prestigious Life-Time Membership Award for 1986. Ashley made her remarks on behalf of all the younger members of our Easterling family.

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repository of the Society holds an assortment of tangible evidence supporting all of these articles. along with various theories presented to support the origin of our family in Europe, and even the origin of our name. In addition, it should be noted that the compilation of these documents represents the efforts of many individuals, over many years, and it would be literally impossible to elaborate on the accumulated cost and time associated with such.

Again, stated as simply as possible, if the solutions to OUR problems are ever to be resolved, we are going to have to seek professional help. There are no members within the Society that possess the expertise, or knowledge which will be required to undertake such a project. In-depth studies are going to have to be applied to collateral families (i.e. Bennetts, Howards, etc.), as well as "getting back across the waters" and into the extant records of Great Britian.

For the first time in the history of our family, it is sincerely believed, that we have the capacity to resolve this problem. There is interest, enthusiasm and above all, the desire to put these questions to rest. With the help of each of you, it can be done.

Over the next few weeks a considerable amount of effort is going to be applied to this task and to this fund. As decisions are made, each member will be informed.

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION:

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The 1986 Annual Meeting and Reunion is history now. From all accounts, this year's affair has set a standard by which all succeeding yearly activities will be judged. The weather could not have been better, especially in Mississippi during the month of August...nor was there any hint of a hurricane skirting out in the Gulf! The accommodations were very comfortable and the staff at the motel attentive to our every need. A large room was provided for the Society and into which all of the family records were placed for member purusal. It proved to be not only a "records-room" but a place for comfortable gathering of all the members. The records were available to the members for 4-days.

The Family Life Center, which is a part of the First Baptist Church, proved to be equally as accommodating for both the annual meeting of the membership and the evening of fellowship. Both were well attended.

The Reunion festivities, held at the American Legion Building, were indeed a most pleasurable event. The program started with a devotional, at 10:00 AM, conducted by R. B. Easterling, Jr. of Nashville. A draft of this devotional is to be provided to the Society, at the request of many, because it was such a meaningful spiritual presentation. At a later date, members desiring a copy of it may make their request to the Society.

After the noon meal, which was plentiful and delicious, Ms. Jan Sellers presented a program of musical score to the audience. Words cannot adequately describe Jan's performance and the totally professional manner in which she accomplished her work. In this writers opinion,

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there has never been an audience so captivated and enraptured with such a beautiful voice and graceful manners. Ms. Sellers is very much in demand as a soloist and it is very understandable why. We are very grateful to her for being with us!

Following this program in music, Dr. Edward L. McMillan, Head of the Department of History and Vice-president for Graduate Studies at Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, presented a most interesting historical overview of our Easterling Family. He began by discussing the social, economic, political, and religious conditions that prevailed in England at the time of our families emigration to the Colonies, citing reason and cause for their probable departure. He then outlined the migratory patterns of these early family members, citing many antedotes and realities, as they slowly made their way into the ever-opening new lands of this new nation. As he progressed thru his speech, he gave very vivid overviews of the conditions under which they lived, moved and homesteaded their lands. Dr. McMillan, tho' extremely scholarly, was able to transcend his message enabling all in attendance to leave with a more complete comprehension of the history and tradition that surrounds our family.

The closing remarks, were given by Ashley Pepper Easterling, an 11th-generation (in the U. S.) Easterling and the 10 year old daughter of Robert and Arlene Easterling of Laurel. Ashley expressed to the audience, and to the recipients of the Life-time Membership Award, still on stage, how deeply the younger members of the Society appreciate the work and efforts of the Society for preserving the tangible and meaningful aspects of the rich traditions and history of their ancestors. With great sincerity, she expressed her love to all her

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imagined, sometimes regarded as true, but without actual knowledge) does tend to blend a "web of circumstances" that may ultimately be found to have some substance that these ancestors have been in the US for a greater length of time; perhaps for as long as 341-356-years. The problem as it presents itself in this situation is that it is nothing more, really, than supposition. The harsh reality of our situation is one that allows only one of two alternatives. The first is that we do nothing and in so doing leave for others who will follow the task and responsibility of positive action. The other option which is available is simply that we initiate the efforts and actions that will solve this problem NOW. Speaking for the membership of the Society, I am very pleased to state that the latter option was exercised and that a Special Research Fund was approved at the Annual Meeting.

Essentially, this Fund has been designated for the expressed purpose of enabling the Society to seek professional assistance in solving the long-standing genealogical research problems related to our early Colonial ancestors. All monies directed to this fund, from whatever source, will be restricted for this purpose.

Why is the fund felt to be necessary? The answer, simply stated, is that NO EASTERLING can document their ancestral history, in direct lineage, back beyond that of Rev. Henry Easterling, b. 1733. In the case of those of our family who are in the THOMAS EASTERLING line, none can document their's back beyond 1758. Over the past couple of years, by means of the newsletter, a great deal of information has been revealed to the members regarding some of these early ancestors...i.e. Taylor's Joy, Walter Easterling of London, the deeds and abstracts of various family members. The

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applied their talents have been unrelenting and tireless. Each have been active in a rather large number of worthwhile causes, including those normally found within the community, church related activities, Daughters of the American Revolution, and others. Contained within the letters of support for their consideration of this award was a continued referral to their willingness to help and assist all who would turn to them. Never were they known to have refused to render and make themselves available to their friends, neighbors, or acquaintances. The results of their genealogical work have been made available to all that would desire it. They each are recognized as competent genealogical authorities in the counties of their residences, and are in constant demand for guidance and direction.

Josephine and Lanette, this year, have joined Roy White in recognition of the outstanding contributions made on behalf of our total family of EASTERLINGS. There are no doubts, whatsoever, that their selection will further dignify this prestigious award and we all share with them the great joy realized in being recognized in such manner and deed.

Special Research Fund:

Although there were many different matters brought before the membership at the recent Annual Meeting, there appeared to be none that was as important as the discussion, and resultant positive action, related to a Special Research Fund.

There is evidence to support the presence of our ancestors in this country for a period of 289-years. Supposition (which is believed to be, or

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family members and especially to Lanette Faulk and Josephine Easterling.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY:

The membership, voting upon the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, elected three new officers to the leadership of the Society, and elected two of the original officers for 3-year terms. These officers and their terms of office are as follows:

J. W. Fagan, Jr., 3-year term (1989)
Albert E. Easterling, Jr., 3-year term (1989)
Harold Eugene Morgan, 2-year term (1988)
Henry W. Easterling, Jr., 3-year term (1989)
R. Lile Easterling, 3-year term (1989)
*Letson E. Easterling, Jr., 3-year term (1988)

In addition to these officers, Nolan Hensavling, Janet Easterling Smith and George J. Easterling will continue to serve in their capacity as members of the Advisory Committee.

The Society is indeed fortunate to have each of these talented and interested members. Especially should we be thankful and supportive of the tremendous tasks and responsibilities they have assumed.

A special thanks is in order for the members of the nominating committee in providing their names for membership consideration.

* elected in 1985

1985 REUNION PICTURES:

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At the 1985 Annual Reunion, held in Laurel, Ms., family group pictures were taken of those in attendance. Copies of these pictures are now available, in black and white, 8x10, for those who are interested. There are 5 pictures included in a set and may be purchased at a cost of \$10.00 per set.

All monies received in the sale of these sets will be placed in the recently established Special Research Fund and be restricted, as detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, for professional genealogical research. The present average rate charged by Board Certified Genealogists is \$20.00 per hour, and by ordering a set of these pictures, 1/2-hour of research will be made possible.

If you are interested in obtaining these pictures, please drop a line to EFGS and they will be promptly mailed to you.

EDITING COMMITTEE:

The preliminary steps for the publication of a comprehensive, detailed and thoroughly documented history of the EASTERLING family have been taken. An Editing Committee, composed of members who will actually be involved in the writing and editing of this history, has recently been established and with the consent of the membership approving such action at the Annual meeting. In as much as a major portion of the final work will be derived from the repository of the EFGS, all copyrights will be issued in the name of the Society.

As most members know, there have been, to date, at least 3-4 treatises written by members of our family. These books, in general, are more or

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She is known to have approached members of our family in recent years, and some have purchased the book, much to their dismay. The book, in general, provides a listing of Easterlings whose names are derived from a variety of sources (mailing services, phone books, etc.), along with various chapters on genealogical terms, a picture of what she has determined to be an authentic picture of the Easterling Coat-of-Arms, a chapter on what a person can do to become involved in genealogical research, and a few others.

The Society is not in a position of advising any member relative to their purchasing this book if solicited. It can say, however, that it has seen a copy of the book and it is an expressed opinion that it is something that would be of no value within the documented holdings of the Society.

LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED:

The highlight of the 1986 Annual Reunion was the presentation of the Life-time Membership Awards. The recipients of this prestigious award were Mrs. Hugh Lawson (Lanette) Faulk, of Dry Branch, Georgia, and Ms. Josephine Easterlin, of Americus, Georgia. Both of these family members are in the line of James Easterling, a son of the Rev. Henry Easterling.

The attributes of each are so closely aligned as to make it possible to render the same accolades. Their entire lives have been spent with a deep and sincere recognition and appreciation of their bloodline. Their combined genealogical efforts span almost an entire century, and the efforts to which they have

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The present members of this committee are:

Henry W. Easterling Jr.
R. Lile Easterling
Dr. Larry Jones
Letson E. Easterling, Sr.
Letson E. Easterling, Jr.

If any members have a desire to become affiliated with this committee and to participate in this project, please let us know. In as much as the book will contain a considerable amount of historical and geographical material as it would relate to our ancestors, a great deal of assistance is going to be needed. It is envisioned that this book will be more than just a "who married whom" or "who the parents were of a certain family member", etc., but a book that will be, to as large a degree as possible, all encompassing.

SPECIAL NOTICE::::::::::::::::::::::::::::

A member has recently reported a solicitation to purchase a book titled "EASTERINGS ACROSS AMERICA" purportedly written by one Mary Whitney and published in Pennsylvania. The solicitation contains information which would lead a person to beleive that the book is a comprehensive, thoroughly researched and documented genealogical history of the EASTERLING family.

Please be advised that several articles have appeared in various newspapers which seriously question this author and work that she publishes under the guise of being a true history of our family, and the many others she produces. One article revealed a federal indictment against her for using the U. S. mail service to defraud the public.

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less confined to a specific bloodline, or direct descent from Rev. Henry, or Thomas EASTERLING (who is felt to be a nephew of our first American ancestor, Henry, and a son of his brother, John.) Distribution of these books have not openly been made available to our general membership, because of the limited number of copies printed by the authors, and the lack of interest others are felt to have in the collateral lines. In each instance, the authors were acting on behalf of their own immediate families.

It is contemplated that the book on our family history will, in all probability, consist of two volumes. If not two, then one with a minimum of 600 pages. The Editing Committee is dedicated to making such a book as complete and accurate as humanly possible, with all information documented. It is, to say the least, a task of major proportion and hopefully, one that will endure for generations to come.

No time frame has been established as yet. There are several questions that must first be addressed, such as documenting our familial ties to that of our English ancestors and, as accurately as possible, the origin of our name and family. A recent "find" has just been made by one of the members of this committee, Dr. Larry Jones. Larry has uncovered some documentation of an English relative, now deceased, who was most prominent in the early part of this century as a historian of wide renown and distinction. The published works of this historian would tend to indicate an extensive degree of genealogical research being applied to our earlier ancestors in England, and efforts are already being made to locate a descendant for possible help. This, incidently, is considered a major find!



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■ *ASHLAND, KENTUCKY* ■

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ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION of the EASTERLING FAMILY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Ashland, Kentucky has been selected as the site of the 1992 Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Easterling Family Genealogical Society.

The dates for these activities are:

SEPTEMBER 11-13

Plans are already being made to make these events as meaningful and successful as possible. An Easterling reunion has been conducted in Ashland for the past 20-25 years. Most of those who have attended in past years are descended from **THOMAS EASTERLING**, who is doubtless very closely related to Rev. Henry Easterling.

Virginia Lewis has served as the Chairperson of this reunion for most of these years. She has agreed to serve in this capacity for this year and we are grateful that she has accepted this responsibility. There has been a long-standing invitation for the **Society** to join with them in reunion and 1992 is the year of acceptance.

All of our family members should make note of the dates and start the planning to make it possible to attend.

The **July** newsletter will contain the specific information concerning places, times and activities that are being arranged.

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■ LEGACIES ■

There are some who will say that the following article "has no purpose" in a "family" newsletter. (And they are perhaps right.) An explanation for its appearance, therefore, seems appropriate.

The plight of the Native American Indian is well known by all. As children, we learned that Indians lived in America prior to our ancestors arrival. It is known that the very lands upon which all of us now reside were at one time possessed by them. It is documented that they lived and roamed over most of North America 14-15,000 years before the early Colonial settlements along the Eastern Coast.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that what some (most) learned was largely tainted and that the Indians were always portrayed as the "bad guys". After all, they had no schools, no recognized and "acceptable" religion or political structure. How possibly could they know right from wrong? How could they communicate? How could they maintain the civility of a social structure in which to live?

This writer does not profess to know the answers to such questions. What follows does, however, suggest that the Native American Indian did have a reverence, knowledge and deep respect for what they had and from whence it came. They were mindful of the obligations to ensure that their children, and their children's children, would also possess these traits.

One such Indian was **Chief Seattle**.

By a little church on Bainbridge Island, within sight of the modern city of Seattle, WA, to whom he gave his name, lies the carefully-tended grave of a great Indian, Chief Sealth (spelled Seattle by early white settlers). While fearing the intentions of white men, he had welcomed them nonetheless and even accepted their God, becoming a very good Christian. He died in his eighties in June 1866.

Twelve years earlier, in his elegant native language, Duteamnish, Chief Seattle delivered the greatest, most tragic oration of his life at an assembly of tribes preparing to sign treaties with

the whites who had overrun their lands. Fortunately, a young Seattle pioneer, Dr. Smith, took down what he said. Dr. Smith maintained afterward that his English was inadequate to render the full beauty of the great chief's imagery and thought.

What follows are the recorded words of Chief Seattle. As you read them you may want to try and find a "message" of sorts that all can understand.

The Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land.

The Great Chief also sends us words of friendship and good will. This is kind of him, since we know he has little need of our friendship in return.

But we will consider your offer. For we know that if we do not sell, the white man may come with guns and take our land.

How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us.

If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of water, how can you buy them?

Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of my people. The sap which courses through the trees carries the memories of the red man.

The white man's dead forget the country of their birth when they go to walk among the stars. Our dead never forget this beautiful earth, for it is the mother of the red man. We are part of the earth and it is part of us.

The perfumed flowers are our sisters; the deer, the horse, the great eagle, these are our brothers. The rocky crests, the juices of the meadows, the body heat of the pony, and man...all belong to the same

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**■ EASTERLING ■
FAMILY HISTORY**

Members are reminded that there are still a considerable number of copies of the **EASTERLING FAMILY HISTORY** available for purchasing.

The Society is still receiving additions and changes to the book. Also, it continues to encourage **all** members to provide this information. These will be needed for any future publication.

Some members have asked about an updated edition. The answer to this question is that there are no plans currently under consideration. A future date will be established after the current supply has been exhausted.

With this thought in mind, please consider purchasing a copy of the book for yourself, a relative, or as a gift for Christmas or a birthday. A book given to a child, or a grandchild, would certainly be a act of caring and love.

The cost of the book is \$65.00 and includes shipping and handling. They are sent by U. S. Mail and there have been absolutely no problems in delivery.

Order forms may be obtained by writing the Society.

Blank Family Group Sheets may also be requested. They are provided at no cost...simply let us know how many copies you want.

**■ COLONIAL DAMES ACCEPTS ■
FAMILY MEMBER**

The January issue of the EFGS Newsletter contained an overview of several patriotic organizations. Those that were presented required a proven descent from an ancestor of specific definition for membership.

We are pleased to announce that **Colonial Dames** has accepted an application for

membership from family member **Sue Kretzinger**. Sue is a direct descendant of Rev. Henry Easterling thru his son Shadrack.

Her application for membership was approved based upon the records of the Christ Parish Church, Last Will and Testament of Henry Easterling and the Land Rent Rolls...all of Colonial Maryland. All of these documents establish the presence of members of our family in the U. S. during the time frame required by Colonial Dames.

Congratulations Sue

Appreciation is also expressed to the members of our family who diligently conducted the research to find these valuable documents...and unselfishly shared the information with others.

If there are any family members who desire to receive the specifics of the documentation provided by Sue in her membership application, please feel free to write the Society. We have copies of each of the documents referenced and will be happy to provide them to you.

**■ NICKELS-ELAM ■
FAMILY REUNION**

The fourteenth annual **Nickels-Elam** family reunion will be held on Sunday, June 14, 1992, at Twin Springs High School near Nickelsville, Virginia.

These families have a very close blood relationship with the Easterlings. **Chapters 29-31** of the **Easterling Family History** presents these family descendants of **Thomas Easterling**. A considerable number are active members of the Society.

For further information concerning this yearly event please write:

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This is a picture of the **new** copier recently purchased by the Society. It replaces the copy machine that "died" several months ago. The Board of Directors, acting on the pleading recommendation of the chairman, authorized its purchase in January.

Over the past couple of years, the Society has been unable to publish the newsletter, and other large volume documents, without having it done commercially or depending on copiers belonging to someone else.

■ NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED ■

The Board of Directors has approved the appointment of George J. Easterling and Bennett P. Peterson to this years Nominating Committee. These family members will be responsible for recommending to the Board the names of two family members to a position on the BOD. The members selected, and approved, will replace the two whose terms will expire in July. The final approval, of course, is vested in the membership. This is always an agenda item at the Annual Meeting. Additionally, they will also present the names of members to serve as Officers of the Society.



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■ Schedule of Events ■

Friday - September 11, 1992 - Registration - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday - September 12, 1992 - Registration - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday - September 12, 1992 - **Annual Meeting** - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday - September 12, 1992 - **Family Night** - 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Sunday - September 13, 1992 - **Annual Reunion** - 10:AM - 2:30 PM

● Accommodations ●

A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Days Inn Motel** for all out of town family members. This is a rather new motel and should be very comfortable for those electing to stay there. Handicapped facilities are available to patrons...two smoking, two non-smoking. Of course, the "smoking", "non-smoking" rooms are available for all guests.

The motel address and phone number is:

Days Inn Motel
12700 St. Rt. 180
Ashland, KY 41101
606-928-3600

A special rate of **\$40.40** per night has been quoted for family members, but you must tell them that you are attending the **Easterling Reunion** to receive this rate. (The price includes tax and is for all rooms...single or double.)

Family members **must make their own reservations**. The block of rooms will be held in the name of the Easterling Family Genealogical Society until **August 31, 1992**.

● Registration ●

The Society will have a site at the motel to enable all participants to register. Information concerning all

aspects of the activities will be available, along with other assorted material and details. We would like to encourage you to register as soon after arrival as possible.

● Annual Meeting ●

The **1992 Annual Meeting of the Easterling Family Genealogical Society, Inc.**, will be conducted in a designated meeting area at the motel on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 PM. This meeting is required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society. All family members are encouraged to attend this yearly function but only those who are active members may vote on any matter of business brought before the membership. (An active member is defined as one who is current in his yearly dues.) There are no provisions for proxy votes.

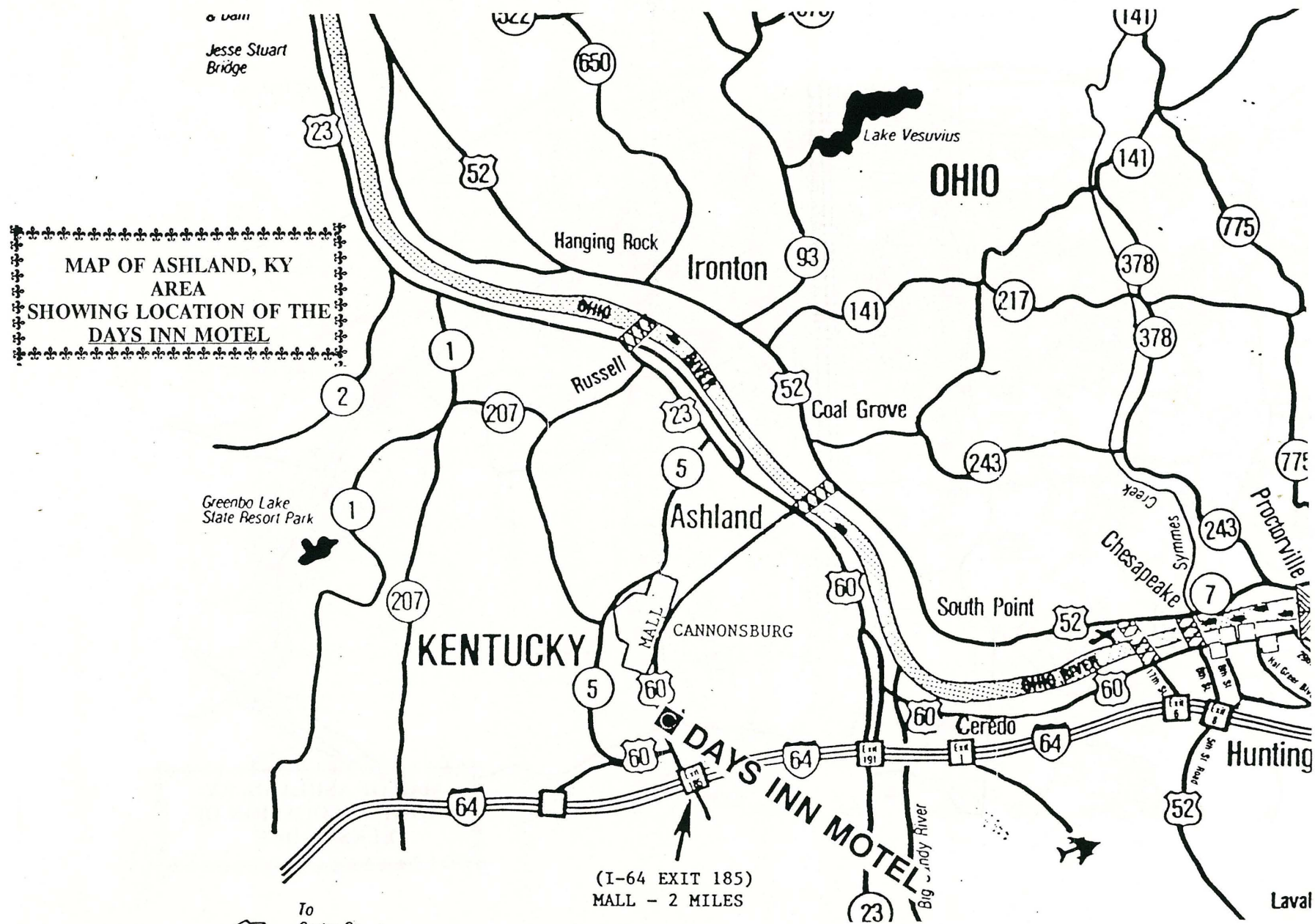
An agenda for this meeting will be made available at the registration site and to all in attendance at the time of the meeting.

The President of the Society will be the presiding officer, unless otherwise directed.

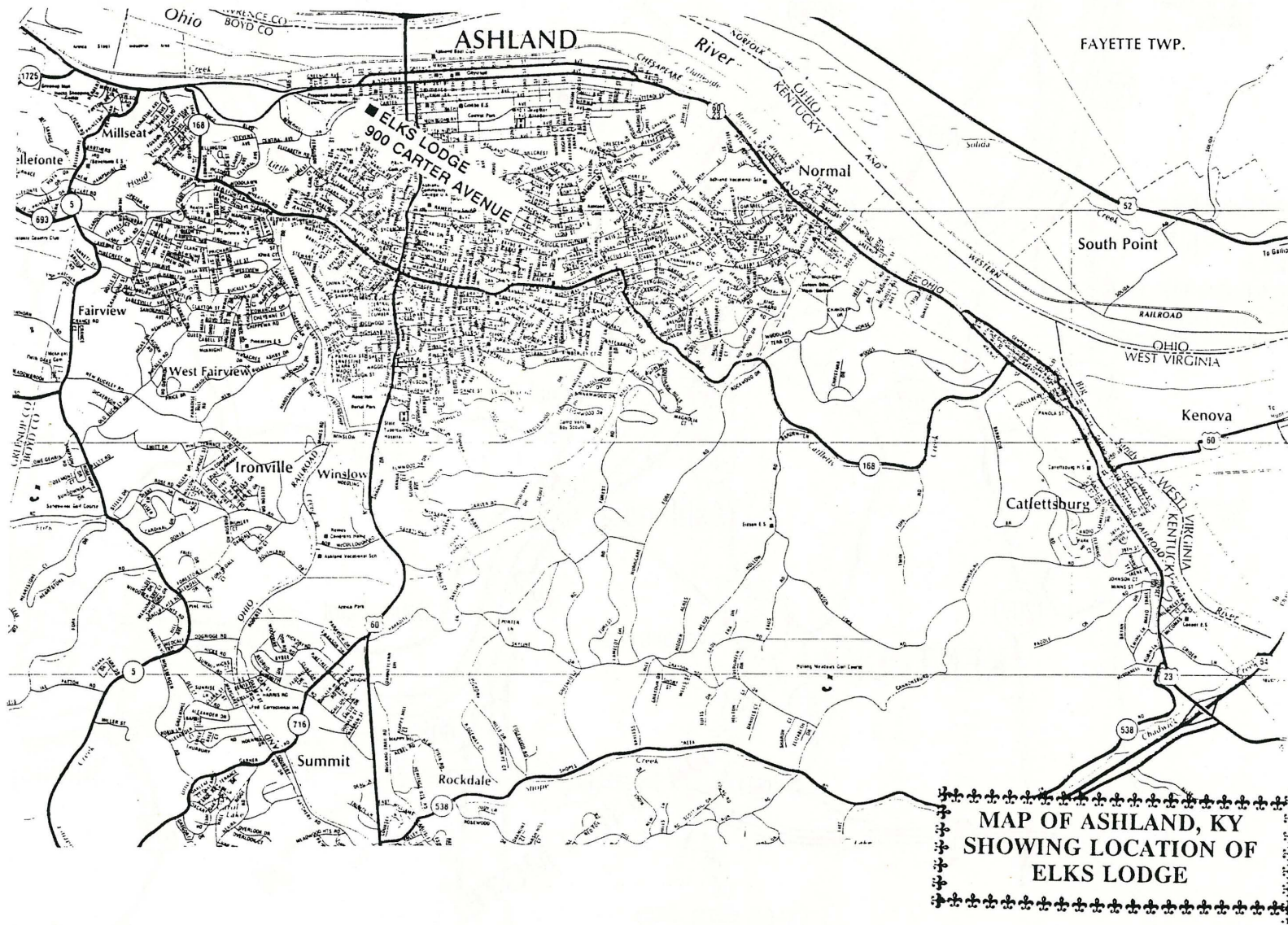
● Family Night ●

It has been customary for the Society to host a **Family Night** on the evening preceding the **Annual Reunion**.

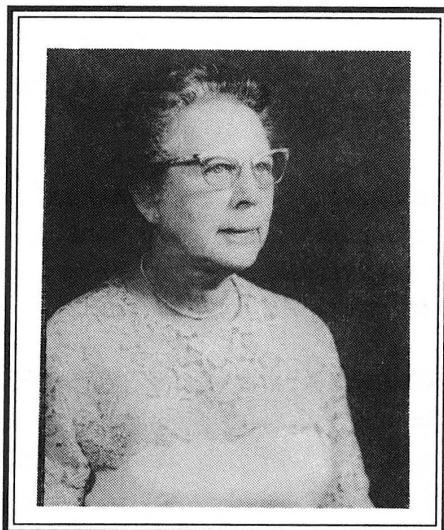
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In Loving Memory



J. Lanette O'Neal Faulk

Born: May 23, 1905 -- Died: April 12, 1992

One day in 1986, I received a phone call from a person who identified himself as Les Easterling to let me know that the EFGS wanted to honor our mother with a Life Member Award for contributions to the Society. At that time, I vaguely knew the name as Mom had indicated she had corresponded with Les and had spoken to him on the phone a number of times. She was very appreciative of her family link to the Easterlings and had previously expressed a desire to go to the Annual Meeting and Reunion that Labor Day weekend in 1986. I had already determined that I was going to take her if at all possible.

After Les called to let me know that the Society wanted to bestow this esteemed honor to her, I knew that there would be no conflict of schedule that would deter me. Little did I know the importance of that decision to our whole family!

My mom spent her life helping others from an early age and continued to do so up until the time that Alzheimer's robbed her of her rich talents to do so. She never sought recognition or fame and generally down played any personal acclaim but in her heart she rejoiced in helping others and just a sincere thank you was recognition enough to her.

Out of that fateful trip grew a bond of love and appreciation for her life's efforts for us. Although we were very much aware of her many works such as being the author of the

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Historical Collections of Richland Church and the co-author of the History of Twiggs County, holding numerous posts and offices in the DAR, UDC, Georgia Society of Dames and other organizations, my son, Mike, and I were now with a group of people whose efforts were focused along a line that Mom not only identified with but dearly cherished what they were doing. This was validation to her work. She was often a lonely voice in her community seeking to preserve our heritage.

She truly understood in a way that few do the profound significance of the accurate preservation of both family and community history. She found in the Easterlings the kindred souls that she had often sought and hoped to see in others. She thrived on serious research; it challenged her and set the fires of knowledge burning in her.

What I didn't realize until somewhat later was that probably the most precious thing that would come from this trip and the ones subsequent to it would be the bonding that would come from these times together for both my son, Mike, and myself with Mom. Mike could see at the age of 13 what I did not see until a later age personally of the passion that she had for others, her abilities as a leader and the strong inner force that was her sustenance

Fortunately, I really began to understand the value of her works in my early thirties and took time to listen and begin to learn. Everything I can remember that she told me is documented and even now we discover new items as we catalogue her documents. We discover hundreds of letters from hundreds of individuals from all over the United States seeking genealogical information and from subsequent thank you letters knowing that they were faithfully answered and most often with helpful information.

Initially, when the Alzheimer's began to take its toll, all of us lamented the loss of her talents but now we take comfort in the knowledge that her life's work is preserved and will continue to live on.

This is the only tribute that she wanted was to know that her work would not be lost.

We are comforted, too, in the knowledge that she is now with God whom she loved and served faithfully.

Thomas H. Faulk

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It is an informal gathering of all family members who have arrived to attend the **Reunion** activities on Sunday and for all who reside within a reasonable driving distance from the site.

This year's **Family Night** will be held at the motel and will begin at 7:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served...cokes, coffee, nuts, chips, dip, etc.

Nothing formal...it just affords family members the opportunity to sit and talk to new found cousins, to renew old acquaintances, talk about the weather, etc., without the regimen generally found during the reunion. You will not want to miss this event.

● **1992 Annual Reunion** ●

The **1992 Annual Reunion** of the **Easterling Family Genealogical Society, Inc.** will be held in conjunction with the **Easterling Family Reunion** that has been successfully conducted in Ashland for more than 20-years.

The site for this activity will be:

**The Elks Lodge
900 Carter Avenue
Ashland, KY**

Everyone is are requested to bring a covered dish and/or dessert.

Directions and a map of the location of this facility will be available at the place of registration in the motel.

● **Air Service** ●

Most major airlines provide air transportation to the airport located in

Huntington, WV which is located about 13 miles from Ashland. Car rentals and cab services are available at the air terminal.

● **1992-93 Membership Dues** ●

The fiscal year of the **Society** begins August 1 each year and expires July 31. Dues for membership are payable at the beginning of each fiscal year. There are no provisions for pro-rated dues.

Dues for this fiscal year remains at \$15.00 per family member.

More and more members are taking advantage of the one-time payment of a Life Time Membership. The cost of this remains at \$150.00.

Every year the Society makes an urgent and sincere appeal to its members that the payment of dues be made as soon as possible. This request is made in order that the time allocated to the paper work involved in handling the receipts be concentrated in as short a period of time as possible. It is a very time consuming task. **Please** continue to help in this matter.

A membership form and return envelope are enclosed with this newsletter. Please complete the form and send it promptly.

The Society realizes that some of its members may be unable to pay their dues because of fixed incomes, etc. If you cannot afford to pay dues, please let us know. Your name will be kept on the mailing list.

Thank you.



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ESCAPE AND RETURN

Between the hours of 5-6:00 P.M. on May 29, 1943, the pilot and his crew of a B-17 bomber were returning to base after a successful mission in Germany-occupied France. The plane was over the village of **Plourhan**, in Bretagne near St. Quay-Portreux, when hit by enemy artillery ground fire and shells from Nazi aircraft. Damage sustained in this enemy action forced the pilot to make the decision to evacuate the aircraft. He issued orders for his crew to parachute knowing they would land in enemy territory. After jumping from the disabled aircraft, it continued to a location some one and one-half miles off the shore and crashed.

The pilot can still remember his decent to the ground. He was deeply concerned for his crew members knowing there were enemy soldiers in and around the area. Looking down on the area of his landing site he recalls seeing several farmers tending their fields. The parachute, upon landing, was caught in trees. He was suspended by the harness lines.

Almost at once, two young men were running toward him and immediately helped him detach from the harness. After this was done, they quickly moved him out of the open field, down a deep gully and into another pasture. In this pasture, there was a large tree. It was here he was told to remain hidden until they returned. It was then that he realized that these caring and concerned villagers were, in fact, two very young boys no more than 14-15 in age. They were members of the French resistance, and they were doing everything they could to assure his safety and keep him away from the German forces. Death by a firing squad was the penalty they would suffer if caught aiding the pilot.

After darkness fell that evening, others came and took him to the village and into the home of one of these brave and courageous people. Later, he was taken to a sanitorium that was used to shelter others in his same plight. After a short stay there, they arranged to have him moved through the French Underground to Spain, then Portugal and, at last, to London and freedom. All the members of his crew survived, also.

Almost 44 years to the exact date, time and place of his parachute landing in that French field, he once again was standing with **Henri Poulouin**...one of the young boys of the French resistance who had met him when he touched the ground. He was invited back to dedicate a war memorial in the town of Plourhan, France, on the Brittany Coast.

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1991 Annual Meeting and Reunion

The 1991 Annual Meeting and Reunion are now over. All that is left are the pleasant, inspiring and wonderful memories that will linger for years to come.

Almost 300 family members from across the country were in attendance ...most for the first time. They came from Illinois, Texas, California, Utah, Florida, Georgia, Colorado, California, Mississippi, both Carolinas, Michigan, Virginia and other states. They came back home.

Bus tours were arranged to make it possible for family members to visit many of the historic homes and cemeteries in the area that had an Easterling connection. The Director of the Marlboro County Historical Society...an Easterling descendant...arranged to have the four local museums opened for visiting. The grounds of the cemeteries, some remotely located, were all freshly mowed. Access roads to a couple of them had to be made. Everything that could have been done to make the events and activities intrinsically meaningful was done.

There were so many that had a part in making the reunion so very special. The Reunion Committee was superb. Libby Braddock, husband and son made several trips to the Charlotte Airport to meet and drive incoming members to Bennettsville. Roy Easterling saw to it that the cemeteries were pleasing to visit and that they were

cleaned up...most he did by himself. Jinx Owens took care of the meeting places, the bus tours and the excellent meal served at the reunion. Rev. Tommy Easterling's devotional was most appropriate as was the history of Marlboro County presented by Harry Easterling.

In addition to the family members responsible for the success of this year's reunion, we would be remiss were we not to extend our thanks to the many supporting efforts provided by the local citizens and merchants. The accommodations and services were wonderful...the motel staff, the members of the First United Methodist Church, the tour bus drivers, the volunteers that hosted the museums, the present day owners of the beautiful homes.

Thank you Bennettsville and Marlboro County for permitting all of us to share a little time with you.

Members Elect New Officers

The members of the Society approved the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and elected Dr. Larry H. Jones for a three year term as a member of the Board of Directors. George J. Easterling was elected to a three year term. George has recently served as a Board Member. Lamar McDonald was appointed an Officer of the Society.

Nelson Easterling, whose second term as a member of the Board of Directors expired, has made many important contributions of time and talent to the Society. We congratulate him on the fine work he has done.

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The Society has been extremely fortunate to have such an outstanding group of devoted, dedicated family members to serve as members of the Board of Directors. Generally, they receive only occasional recognition for what they do...and that's the way they want it. In reality, there is seldom a week that passes that one, several, or all of them, are not involved in some decision making process. They meet twice each year...at the time of the reunion and again during the first week or so in January. The mid-year meeting offers an extended period of uninterrupted time to spend on the many ongoing activities for the members. The next time you see one of them, you may want to let them know just how much you appreciate all they do and the personal sacrifices that they make on behalf of all of us.

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

A company located in Bath, OH d.b.a. *Halbert's*, is currently promoting the sale of a book titled, "The World Book Of Easterling." In an attempt to add credence to their newest effort, they have added the name of one J. C. Easterling to the return address of the company. The Society found out from a company representative that J. C. Easterling granted the company permission to use his name. If you receive a promotional letter, you will note that he does not sign it.

Books, such as this latest one, are mostly **generic** in their content and contain little, if any, documented information about the family name embossed upon its cover. They do not contain **any genealogical** information

specific to a family, tho' there is some general information presented to **suggest** ways for you to conduct your own research.

An "international directory?" There is a listing of names and addresses of those having the name of Easterling in the book. This listing, according to information received from the company, is compiled from various directories (telephone, etc.) and from companies that compile similar information for profit making ventures.

Summation: If you want a listing of the names and addresses in the book, then the \$27.50 per copy may not be a bad deal. **But**, if you purchase the book with the thought and expectation that it has anything to do with the history and/or genealogy of the Easterling Family, you will be probably be disappointed.

MILITARY RECORDS

The last two newsletters contained information about efforts being made by the Society to compile a listing of the **military records** of our family members who have served, or currently serve, our country in times of war and peace. The motivation to undertake this project stemmed from a sincere belief that our present day family members could easily, and proudly, provide this information. The articles that were written to explain the importance of compiling a list of this type cited the great difficulty encountered and the length of time taken to research and compile information within the perimeters of the Civil War and the incompleteness of this work. Thirty, forty, fifty or one hundred years from now, the information the Society is seeking most likely will be

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lost and gone forever. Thousands of Military Records maintained by the U. S. Government have already been destroyed by fire. This is, indeed, a misfortune, but not near to the magnitude that will be suffered as from the loss of information caused by a lack of interest on the part of family members.

The Society will continue to encourage its members to provide this information but in all honesty the response has been very dismal and disappointing. (Sometimes one has to know when to stop beating a dead horse to death.)

RESEARCH CONTINUES

Mr. Wayne Morse, a certified genealogist with the Family Records Center in Salt Lake City, UT has agreed to begin researching for the Society. As most of you know, there are still many questions that remain unanswered about the first of our family to enter the Colonies. We know that the first were two brothers, John and Henry Easterling. John appears in Baltimore County, Maryland in possession of some 1000 acres of land known as Broome's Bloom. Henry is first found in the Rent Rolls of Maryland in Calvert County that is some 50-75 miles south of John. He is residing on 500 acres of land known as Taylor's Joy. They both are members of the same Christ Parish Church, located in Calvert County. Records reveal that both of them are members and have their children baptized within this faith. All of this information can be found in the **Easterling Family History**.

Here are a few of the unanswered questions: When did John and Henry first

arrive in the Colonies and upon what ship? Was the Henry listed in the Will of his father in 1702 the same as the Henry that signed the Petition of Inhabitants of Craven (NC) Precinct in 1733, the year that Rev. Henry was born? What happened to Rev. Henry's sister, Alathera? Both were placed in the "care and custody" of William Bond in 1743. What happened to Rev. Henry's father? To whom was his mother married after the death of his father? Were there other siblings upon whom the Orphans Court took no action? Who were the John and William Easterling found in so many of the land deeds, grants and other documents of NC? Was Thomas Easterling related to Rev. Henry? How?

The credentials of Mr. Morse indicate that he is a very competent, thorough and honest person. Several of the individuals and families who have engaged him to do similar work have nothing but praise for his professional abilities. All have been more than pleased with the results of his efforts. It is expected that he will begin his work on behalf of the Society in October. Members will be kept informed of his progress.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

In September the Society sent a letter to all members that were delinquent in the submission of their annual dues. This letter was one that was very difficult to write because it stated that those members failing to respond by October 1, 1991, would have their names deleted from the mailing list. Since the beginning of the Society, newsletters and other timely mailings have continued to be sent to members although some were

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delinquent with their dues for as long as 2-3 years. It has always been felt that **most** members failed to renew on a yearly basis simply because they had forgotten to do so or, in some cases, had misplaced the renewal forms. It was considered important that the opportunity be given to all delinquent members to let us know if this was the case **or** whether they very simply had lost interest in the activities of the Society and were no longer willing to support them. Then, too, it is recognized that there are some family members living on a limiting fixed income and can not afford the annual fee.

Since the Society's organization in 1984, there have been **467** members to join. As of September 30, 1991 the Society has **220** members...the attrition is about 53%, or more simply, for every two members who join, one is lost. Nineteen of the 220 members are Life Time Members...and this number continues to increase each month.

Are these figures alarming? Yes and no...when taken in the context of the "life expectancy" of the average "family organization" they are not. Studies reveal that the majority of "newly" established organizations, such as ours, are defunct after a period of about **three years**. EFGS has passed that statistic.

The **April 1991** newsletter contained a questionnaire (survey) form upon which members were requested to respond to a variety of questions. The questions covered several areas of the Society, including EFGS Organization, the Newsletter, Membership, etc. The intent of the survey was not to "scientifically" or "surgically" correct any of the latent problems that might exist, but rather to

give members the opportunity to express their own personal views on the specific issues. While the return of the forms was not to the degree and number expected, there were enough to determine that most of the members found the Society to be an enriching organization, yet not completely devoid of some problems. Most, for example, considered the quarterly newsletter to be informative and interesting...yet there was room for improvement. There were no recommendations given for changes in the structure of the Society. All respondents agreed that a "personal family history" was **important**, but only a few had taken the time to write their own.

Specific to the title of this article, it was the overwhelming opinion of those responding that members who fail to renew their membership should not continue to receive newsletters, etc. from the Society. This response was tempered by statements concerning the reality that it is quite possible some members could not afford the dues yearly and consideration should be granted to them...**and so it has been.**

The Board expresses its appreciation to all of the members that responded to the questionnaire. If you know of family members that are not active in the Society, please encourage them to become a participating member.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

What could be more meaningful and lasting than a copy of the **EASTERLING FAMILY HISTORY?** Order a copy for that favorite child, grandchild, nephew or neice.

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A young diver had discovered the remains of the crashed bomber. It was about two years before he could identify the name of the pilot. With the help of the U. S. Government, he was able to locate him, and they exchanged several very interesting and informative letters.

After the discovery of the plane, a significant number of artifacts...propeller, 50 cal. machine gun cartridges, valves from an engine, etc., were removed. It was then the idea was born of erecting a memorial of sorts to honor all of the men of Allied Forces who fought so bravely and made such great sacrifices to bring about the defeat of the Nazi regime. How fitting and proper it would be if they could have that American pilot, from whose plane all the artifacts used to make the monument, could be present for the dedication. And, so it was.

The celebration lasted for two days with dignitaries from several allied nations present, with hundreds of local villagers and those from the surrounding area. Perhaps more important to the pilot was the chance afforded him to visit in the homes of so many of the brave men and women who had helped him escape the ravages of capture and confinement by the Germans.

As an aftermath to this story, it is noted that there was in this village a young French Canadian girl who was posing as the wife of a young Frenchman. In fact, they both were very active in the French Resistance Movement. Her given name was Jan Marie. A few days after the above events, she was implicated by the German Gestapo in helping a crew member of the plane escape. Jan Marie was executed in front of a firing squad for her actions.

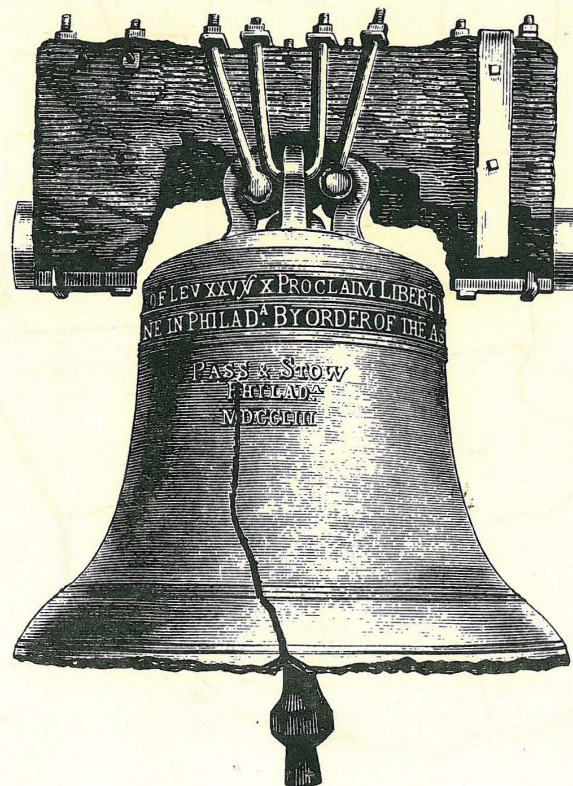
The name of the pilot is **Theodore Melvin Peterson** (#1x921u). Ted is a direct descendant of Rev. Henry Easterling. It is interesting to note that Ted's third-born child is named in memory of his fallen comrade...Jan Marie.

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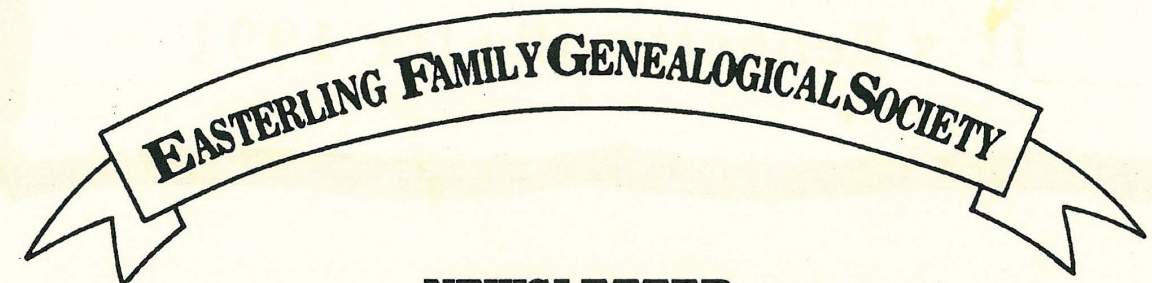
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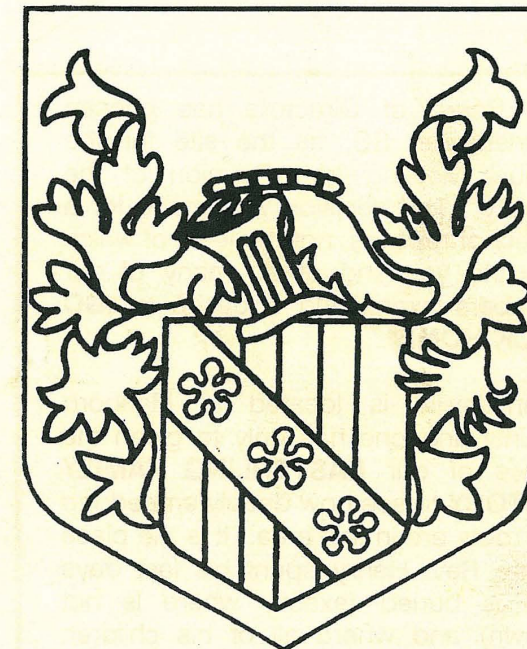
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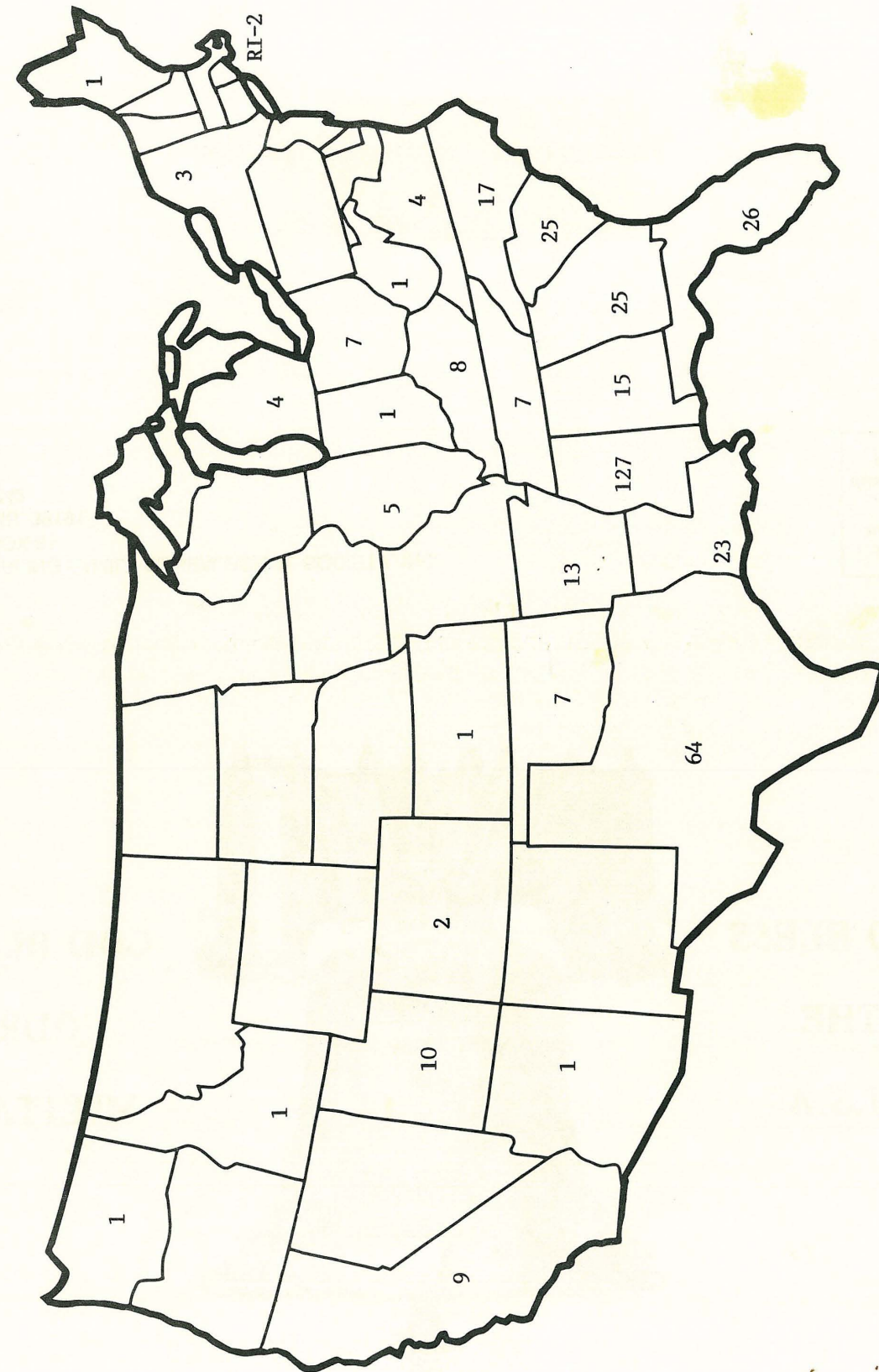
It's Bennettsville for 1991

The Board of Directors has chosen Bennettsville, SC, as the site for the Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Society. The decision was made for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was the yearning of so many of our members expressing a desire to **"GO BACK HOME"...**

Bennettsville is located in Marlboro County and one has only to glean the pages of our **EASTERLING FAMILY HISTORY** to see how deeply embedded our roots are in this area. It is the place where Rev. Henry spent his last days and is buried (exactly where is not known) and where all of his children were raised to their majority.

All of the details are expected to be worked out shortly after the first of the year and all members will be informed in the April Newsletter.

Where our members live!



SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION
to a
"SMALL BAND of EASTERLINGS"

In the acknowledgement section of the **EASTERLING FAMILY HISTORY** it is noted that a "small group of Mississippi Easterlings banded together to form the **Easterling Family Genealogical Society**." The individual contributions, acts and deeds of these family members are preserved within the records of the Society, and it is not a purpose of this article to make these known...our posterity will enjoy this information.

What is considered to be important is that their names be listed, for the purpose of documentation, and that the Society recognize the fact that without the efforts of this "small band", it is doubtful that there would actually be a family organization that has had so much meaning to so many. You may note, by locating them in the **book**, that they are some of the grand-children of Henry B. and Martha Holliman **Easterling**, or married to one of them.

After the application for the **Charter of Incorporation** was submitted to, and approved by the Secretary of State and the Governor of the State of Mississippi, it was this group that was endowed with the vision of the **Society**, and the intrinsic values that it could instill within **the lives of the members of our bloodline**. We all know, now, that their hopes, faith and aspirations of a **united family** have become a reality.

Albert E. Easterling, Jr.
Katheryn Nicholson Easterling
Margaret Beasley Easterling
Howard Easterling
Julian W. Fagan, Jr.
Andrew J. Easterling
T. Gary Smith
Larry Smith (deceased)
Stover L. Smith

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GENEALOGICAL INTEREST

The level of interest in genealogy among the members of our family, or any family, is as varied as the number of people of which it is comprised. The spectrum of this interest can be measured from the subliminal to what some would consider to be excessive. Recognizably, no two family members possess the exact, same levels...no more so than there are any two persons who are exactly identical, in all things.

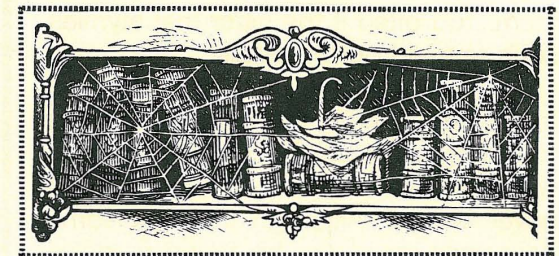
It is believed that if our Society is to be successful; that it will stand the test of time; that it will continue to "enrich" the lives of its members; that it will be able to motivate and inspire others; that it will increasingly involve more of its members, then, this subject is one that needs to be examined, as best that is possible.

A history of the DAVIS family, written in 1927, by Harry A. DAVIS, has this as a preface: "Those who are regardless of the history of our ancestors and their posterity...who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future, in the transmission of life from their ancestors to their posterity, do not perform their duty to the world. To be faithful to ourselves, we must keep our ancestors and posterity within reach and grasp of our thoughts and affections, living in memory and retrospect of the past, and hoping with affection and care for those who are to come after us. We are true to ourselves only when we act with becoming pride for the blood we inherit, and which we are able to transmit to those who shall fill our places." Carl SANDBERG, the poet, wrote... "when a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be

found. They forgot where they came from."

These quotes, clearly, represent a chastisement, of sorts, to those who do not possess a reflective appreciation of their ancestral heritage. They also present as something almost biblical...that our very existence depends upon the constant thought of our ancestors. We, alone, must carry the "flag"...it is our duty!

Some of our members will find themselves in agreement to parts, or all, of these statements, while others may find themselves offended with the inferences that knowing something of their ancestors is "something that they **must** do." Surely, it would be remarkable if all of our family members had "inquiring minds" but such is not the case and this is a fact that is recognized and respected.



With these, and other thoughts in mind, the Society has made an attempt to distinguish some of the personal traits (as they would relate to genealogy) of a selected group of its' members. If, by chance, they could be identified there is,

then, the possibility that some "light" could be shed on just exactly what it is that "turns a person on" to genealogy? What keeps the individual motivated? How and when did their interest begin? How long have they been involved in genealogy? It is the answers to these and other questions that have been received and reviewed for the following summary.

Almost all of the respondents, when citing their earliest recalled interest, talked of hearing tales and stories of their ancestors from their parents, or other older family members. Most, also, stated that they wished that they had been more attentive to the particular facts and minute details, as opposed to simply "just being entertained " by the stories. Time and memory have a way of diminishing a lot of the context, and "how they wished that they would have somehow recorded these precious moments." This tends to lead one to believe that most of our aged family members yearn to "slip back in time" and tell the stories of their youth if they could but have someone to listen to them...too often it the latter that stymies such revered opportunities.

It became evident very shortly into the reviewing process, that once an interest was established, by what ever reason, it never waned. Although time, on some occasions, could not be found to delve deeper into their pursuit of genealogy, because of job, family responsibilities, etc., nothing could diminish the interest. One member described his fascination with genealogy "as a hobby that got out of control."

Curiosity, plain and simple, acted as a catalyst for some. They were intrigued by hearing just "one specific thing" of

their ancestors and this served as a "spark" that would lead them into a life of inspired research and study. To amplify this, if you were to hear that your ancestors arrived into this country as a passenger on the Mayflower, would you not be "curious"? Some were more explicit. "If it is of little interest to you what your ancestors and their times were like, then just crawl back in your burrow and go back to sleep", said one.

Patience and understanding! These are two qualities that are almost mandated for a successful researcher to possess. Most have had to develop these criteria as a result of the many disappointments they have encountered through the years. Understanding that all family members are not as eager to reveal, or share, their knowledge of family, as are others, can sometimes ease the pain of disappointment. It must be realized, some stated, that there are those among us that consider the revelation of their own personal history, or that of their family, an invasion of privacy and are not as eager to share such information as others. This is something, also, that requires understanding. Not all of our family members can recall the events occurring within their lives without conjuring up unpleasant, or painful, memories.. "things" that through the years have been "blocked out". Understanding that there is "**no perfect individual, no perfect family**" is an invaluable tool that the researcher must have. Again quoting..."It is like it is. If we fail to see the innate value in accepting people and events as they are, then family history will certainly disappoint us. **But**, when we see the foibles, the warts, the illegitimacies, the failures, all as part of a noble struggle for identity and integrity, the most obscure event, the humblest

service of the veteran. Included in the form, also, is a lot of specific information such as: personal data (age, height, weight, etc.), dates and places of service, campaigns, awards, qualifications, service schools, military rates (or ranks) attained, plus a multitude of other distinguishing data. Most veterans of WWII were encouraged by the **Veterans Administration (VA)** to have these documents filed in the office of their local county Circuit Clerks...and most did.

Pointedly, it is this document that family members should try and locate and ensure its preservation...along with the official **Discharge**. If you are unable to find these documents you may write to:

**Military Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**

In writing, you will want to request a **Standard Form 180** and a **NA FORM 13075**.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The Society membership has drastically declined. Some attrition is always expected to occur, but this year is presenting as one that exceeds all other previous years. In December of 1990, the Society has had only 140 members to renew their membership...this represents an attrition of +60%.

An urgent appeal is made to all members who have not taken the time to submit their renewal application to **please do so now**.

As you complete your application form, you may wish to consider becoming a

Life-time Member. This special membership is available for a one-time cost of \$125.00...no more notices, no more hassle.

In past quarters, the Society has continued to make available copies of the Newsletter to delinquent members. After this current issue, this courtesy can no longer be extended.

PROBLEMS WITH BULK MAILING

From the beginning, the Society has used **bulk mailing** privileges (that's what **they** call it) to send the newsletter, and at times, other information, to members. The advantage of mailing at this special rate is the reduced cost per piece - \$0.167 versus \$0.25. There are very stringent requirements imposed upon the mailer when using bulk mailing. There are, for example, several mandates for assembling the material to be mailed. One of these is that they have to have a **valid address**. Another is that they have to be pre-sorted into a mirage of zip-codes, and then properly secured into various packs. Concern has to be given to 3-digit codes, 5-digit codes, etc.

Perhaps the greatest disadvantage to mailing "in bulk" is that if the addressee is no longer at the listed address the item is "trashed". If it is an inaccurate address, the item is "trashed". Hence, the Society never knows whether the letter, etc., has ever been delivered or not...the items **are not returned** and shown as undeliverable, as is first-class mail.

It is very important that you keep the Society informed of any changes of address. Doing so will ensure that you will continue to receive the timely mailings sent to you.

my world. And enriched by their beauty.

I am only a farmer. If a man can be truly free, then I truly am. The day. The week. The month. They have been entrusted to me. They are mine to spend. They are mine to invest. They are mine to use wisely. It is a solitary profession I have chosen. Or, perhaps, that I have been chosen for. A profession where no guarantees are granted. No promises given. No excuses taken. I have but one man to answer to. One man to depend upon. One man to confide in. And in the quiet years, I have come to know him well.

I am only a farmer. Inperseverance. And Creativity. And courage.

I am only a farmer. I am confidence. And ingenuity. And intelligence.

I am only a farmer. A seeker of excellence...And I will endure."---

MILITARY RECORDS

Family members who have labored through the efforts of gathering information concerning an ancestor who was in the Civil War will readily attest to the tremendous amount of time and energy it involves. Easterlings are fortunate to have access to a listing of all who bear this name who were in the Confederate States Army, but there is no known listing of those of the Union Army.

The present day activities of "Operation Desert Shield" makes us mindful of the opportunities that are available **now** to start compiling a list of our family members who are involved in this

unsettling situation. It also serves to remind us of how much present day knowledge there is concerning those of our family who were in active military service during WWI, WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

In the year 2090, will some of our posterity be hampered with the awesome task of trying to identify some of these loved ones...or is this something that **we can do now?**

With these thoughts in mind, the Society will begin to seek and compile the military records of its 20th century family members. This is an undertaking that will certainly involve all of the members of our Society, for it is doubtful that any of our family groups have not had a father, grandfather, brother, sister, etc., that has not been in the active, or reserve, military service of our country.

The personnel records for all branches of the military are on deposit at one or more locations...depending on the specific branch of service, i.e. Navy, Army, etc., and if the proper identifying information can be provided, copies of the records can be obtained. There is a nominal fee that is assessed for this service.

It is not known what type of discharging information veterans of WWI received, but those in subsequent service would have been issued a "**Statement of Service**". This particular document has undergone some changes through the years, first being issued under the name of the **War Department** and then later by the authority of the **Defense Department**. The significant aspect of this form, by any name, is that it reveals a complete summation of the period of

person, are clothed with dignity and merit. There are no insignificant people! There are no meaningless events!"

At the other end of the spectrum, the researcher will often times encounter **elitism**. By description, elitism is found in some families, or individuals, who consider that the meshing of their genes with those of another family somehow elevates their status. More often than not, this encountered attitude presents barriers of significant magnitude. Elitism, one stated, is not revealed by words or statements, but unfailingly, can be detected by acts of omission. "Elitism is dangerous in at least two ways: it either kills nascent curiosity, or it subverts its original pure motives into **egotism**." Further, "though we may trample around on **our family history**, or ignore it for years, someday we will look down and recognize the treasure at our feet. Until that time comes, we must expand our vision, and understand and accept the perspective of others looking through different lenses." Herein lies the **patience** that the researcher must have, or develop, to be effective in genealogy.

Non-judgemental and prudent! These two qualities are considered, also, to be essential for the effective researcher.

Genealogy is considered by some to be a **science**...and it may very well be. In its purest form, it does require that an individual be determinedly accurate in the extraction, compilation and recording of information garnered in their research. Most records that are placed into public domain are done so only after an extended period of time. Census records, for example, are released for public perusal after 90-years. There are countless other records that are as

equally protected under some privacy act. While considered a hindrance to some, most respondents realize, and respect, the restrictive nature imposed on family documents, some of which may be too sensitive to research and reveal. In handling material of this nature, the respondents indicate that it is considered an imposed personal responsibility to display good and sound judgement in the dispersal of such data. They also indicated that they have no granted rights to **judge** the acts, or deeds, of others, as may be uncovered in their research. Resoundingly, the respondents wanted to know who it was that empowered them with the majestic right to judge, or was such by way of an authoritative position granted by an act of Divinity? Somehow, they each seemed to have missed the appointment - probably, "out of town, researching" one member stated.

A Willingness to share! The excitement, joy and deep satisfaction of uncovering and compiling genealogical information can only be exceeded through the unselfish act of sharing it with others. This is a trait of the character of not only the serious researcher, but extends to the very roots and foundation of our family. How fortunate we are! This writer is aware of only two recalled instances in which a member was compiling information for "self-serving" motives, and when you consider the magnitude of our **total** family, this is remarkable. The names of these loving, thoughtful and caring family members have been repeated many times before..."Zeke", Roy, Georgette, Henry, Nolan, Ruby, Tom, Larry, George, William, and the list goes on. It is most worthy of note that not one single individual within this list, or an expanded listing, has become

engaged in genealogy because of personal recognition, and this, also, is remarkable. As one member stated; "If your engine must be fueled by praise, you won't get out of the garage."

Time/money! None of the members to whom this question was posed could respond with any reliable answer...almost as if the question was incidental and of no significance. It was evident that they had mastered the use of their time and were not subservient to other, as they put it, less meaningful ventures. One final thought for conclusion, and again, quoting: "After appropriating money to attend a family reunion, the cost/benefit analysis afterward will have to take intangibles into account. It wasn't Disneyland fun. It wasn't Yellowstone-exciting. It wasn't Caribbean-cruise-romantic. It wasn't visit-Eastern-Europe-chic. But there was something about it, about the people, about the stories, about the history, past and present, that was exclusively, almost frighteningly, yours. You are a part of them and they are a part of you. After getting over that shock, and realizing that there is a palatable average in the midst of the uncomfortable extremes, you begin to find unfathomable and immeasurable pleasure, gratification, acceptance and fulfillment in being a part of this wonderful family. And after all, that's what we're here for anyway: to find comfort and satisfaction in family life on earth as preparation for the eternal joy of life in God's family hereafter."

**FAMILY MEMBER COMMANDS
FAMED
"FLYING TIGERS"**

As a preface to this article, you can identify the subject person by looking at page 518 of the **Easterling Family History**...his assigned number is 1X92623.

Colonel David A. Sawyer, USAF, recently assumed command of the 23rd Tactical Fighter Wing. This particular military unit of the Air Force is a direct descendant (so to speak) of the American Volunteer Group Flying Tigers of World War II. Many will recall that this is the unit that became so well known as the **"Flying Tigers"** because of the many heroic deeds and the proficiency of its pilots and the many combat actions in which they were engaged. The traditions and competency of those earlier pilots have continued every since.

The significance of this unit today is that it is deployed to **"Operation Desert Shield"**, and further, it is the Air Attack Squadron reported to be responsible for the first, and swift, military action against the forces of Iraq...should be occasion arise.

**SUSANNA OBEDIENCE
EASTERLING
WILLIS**

As a preface to this article, you can identify Susanna by looking at page 116 of the **Easterling Family History**...she is listed as a daughter of Harris Rollings Easterling (1284). Her assigned number is 12843 on the page following.

The Society recently received a copy of a newspaper article that appeared in the Florence County, SC **Morning News** ca 50 years ago. The article was written by

S. By 1960 this number had decreased over 50%...to about 3,000,000. Over 66% of the people in the U. S. lived on farms in 1850; a year in which over 65% of our nation's people were gainfully employed in agriculture.

Counted in these statistics, of course, are the vast majority of our own family members, most of whom spent their entire lives on farms. It is known that even today, a rather large segment of our family is still engaged in the activity of farming, and further, that the chances are rather dominate that if you were born in the earlier part of this century and not **on a farm**, you are only **one generation** removed from a family that was. There are a rather large number of our family members that still live on the lands that have been within their family for generations.

There does not need to be a discussion on how difficult life was for our ancestors...farming is hard work, and the monetary rewards, more often than not, were modest by any standard. Put this aside, tho', and will you find that the real blessings and strengths of this wonderful land of ours can be found in its soil and the hardened, god-fearing people that sustained their existence from it.

The Society would like to share an article that it recently received from a member. It is titled, **"A Tribute to the American Farmer"**, and if you have ever wondered where the character of our family had its origin, you may very well find the answer in what follows:

---"I am only a farmer. I know the sun better than anyone. And the Soil. And the wind. And the rain. I am the man who works with them. Who lives with them.

Who loves them. And who sometimes fears them.

I am only a farmer. I am the sower of seeds. I am the tender of stock. I am the reaper of harvest. I am sweat. And tears. And pride.

I am only a farmer. I am the man who feeds the young. And the old. The weak. And the strong. I am the black earth of Spring. The green hills of Summer. The harvest gold of Autumn. And the cold white stillness of winter.

I am only a farmer. I am warm memories of the past. The steely reality of the present. And a hopeful dream of the future. I am an optimist. A thinker. A watcher. And a doer.

I am only a farmer. I live in a complex world. Made of simple things. And they are my source of joy. And hope. And comfort. I have walked the morning fogs. I have paused for the Summer song of the meadowlark. And I have savored the breeze of freshly cut hay. I have paused, remembering, by the stream I knew as a boy. I have felt the power of a thousand storms. And rejoiced in the fresh world left in their wake. I am only a farmer. I am accountant. Chemist. And Doctor. I am midwife. And mechanic. I am seller. Trader. And buyer. I am husband. Helper. And partner to my wife. I am father. Friend. Comforter. And teacher to my children.

I am only a farmer. Not a man of riches. But a man of great wealth. I have learned to treasure life. And all things living. To respect their maker. And my own. I am humbled by the earth's bounty. And awed by the endless rebirth. I am facinated by the marvelous intricacies of

shortly afterwards bought a Buick.

Ed note: Susanna lived to be 86 years old. She was born and raised in Marlboro County, near Bennettsville, and moved with her husband and children to Florence County, SC in January of 1907. At the time of the interview, Susanna had 45 grandchildren, plus two adopted grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

What a remarkable person she must have been!

SPECIAL NOTES

C. Nelson Easterling, a Charter Member and current member of the Board of Directors, has recently completed his Doctoral Studies and will receive his PhD in December. He has studied at Florida State University for the last several years.
Congratulations Nelson!

Congratulations to **Ruth Easterling** of Charlotte, NC on the recent occasion of her reelection to the NC State Legislature.

Larry Jones and wife, **Leslie**, are expecting their first child. Leslie has just completed her post-graduate studies and has received her Doctors degree in Clinical Psychology.

Good luck and wishes for success are extended to **Henry W. Easterling, Jr.** as he will be in both NC and MD independently researching among the extant records of their Archives for information on our earlier ancestors.

Anyone having a current address for

Guy T. Easterling is requested to provide it to the Society. His last known address was: P. O. Box 58, Vernon, FL 32462. There is some information available in which he should find interest. The Society will convey this to him if he can be located.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors and Officers of EFGS will conduct their mid-year meeting, February 1-3, 1991. The site of the meeting this year is Long Beach, MS.

These semi-annual business meetings are always very constructive and meaningful to the Society and, considering the distances most of the members have to travel, are very well attended.

Current Board Members are:

Nolan B. Hensarling
C. Nelson Easterling
Thomas F. Faulk
Glendon M. Easterling
Bennett P. Peterson
Henry W. Easterling, Jr.
Larry H. Jones

If there are any actions/decisions that are made during the meeting they will be covered in the April Newsletter.

THE EASTERLING FARMER

In the year 1920 there were approximately 6,518,000 farms in the U.

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a young reporter for this newspaper and preceded the gathering of Susanna's family, of which she appears to have been the matriarch...she had thirteen children, all of whom were raised to their majority, and married. The article, specifically, was the result of an in-depth personal interview that the reporter had had with Susanna, then 84 years old, and offers a very good insight into the life of this most gracious lady.

The following are excerpts from the interview:

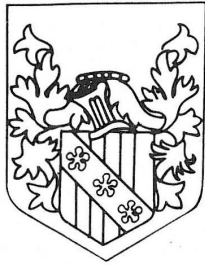
A kind old woman with a sweet disposition and friendly as could be, Mrs. Willis received the scribe graciously and when asked to tell about the War of 1860 lost no time in revealing most unusual occurrences. Talking slowly, and very distinctly it was uncanny how the well-learned woman could recall dates and figures so accurately.

She stated that she was about four years old when the Civil War started, but before it was over she was almost nine. "My childhood days were filled with terrible happenings as the conditions during and after the war brought continuous troubles", she said. Soldiers camped on a creek near her home which was situated back off of the public road. Mrs. Willis said that she could hear the big guns which were about 25 miles away. "Sherman's army marched by just about a quarter of a mile from our home," she related, adding quickly, "and the soldiers raided our house taking everything which we had to eat. Mother had a large supply of bacon and had hid it upstairs but they found it and took every bit of it. They also raked the flour barrel clean as well as all other compartments where food was kept."

She declared that she would never forget a little while later when an officer of some kind, possibly a Lieutenant or Captain, visited her house alone. Her mother, middle aged, dressed and fixed up like a real old woman and had her three small children close to her when she complained to the officer that she had been left with no food for her children or herself. The officer promised he would make them return some of the food which they had taken to the nearby camp. The officer also promised her that he would see that the soldiers did not destroy her home or property by fire or otherwise. Mrs. Willis said that they were all surprised when sure enough some of the meat was returned. Neither was any of her property damaged. After the war was over she said that rogues and robbers were continuously stealing chickens and livestock from not only their farm but from others throughout the section. She attributed it to the serious condition in which the war left the country. Her father who lost two brothers in action, one other escaping, fought through the war but died en route home after the peace treaty was signed. She stated that during the entire War she only saw her father on three occasions when he came home on short furloughs, one of them being the result of a wound which kept him home longer than on the other two trips.

Some of the more pleasant topics covered in the interview were centered around the invention of the water pump, the first ones being made of wood, the sewing machine and wood burning stoves. Electricity and automobiles were also facinations she discussed, and when asked if she was afraid of the seeing her first auto, she replied "No". In fact she said she wanted to ride in one and

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Dear Family Member,

This is just a short note to let you know how deeply we appreciate your prompt response to the sincere request that dues for the current year be paid in a timely manner.

Additionally, this will express to you how much easier it is to process all the membership applications during a short period of time rather than to have to deal with all the intricacies over several months. As you would imagine, it does indicate, strongly, that you care about the Society and are interested in it's goals and the work that it attempts to do.

Thank you very much and with love to you, I am,

Sincerely,

Margaret B. Easterling

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